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Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh, along with other officials and personnel of HANMI-member hotels on Saipan, attended yesterday's Senate session.

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## 'Land lease bill changes things'

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Public Land Secretary Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo expects a lot of changes in the request for proposal that DPL was about to release for the lease extensions of both Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Hyatt Regency Saipan after the Senate passed a bill that would extend land leases to a combined 55 years.

The Senate voted unanimously to pass the measure yesterday. Senate Bill 20-35, introduced by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), now goes to the desk of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

If he enacts the bill, it would increase public land leases to 40 years, plus a 15-year extension. Current law for public land leases only allows 25 years, plus a 15-year extension, for a total of 40 years.

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## PIC to resume operations, COP unsure

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan, which is operated by the E-Land Group of Companies, expects to resume hotel operations this month, over a month since the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu. The reconstruction of the Coral Ocean Point Golf

Resort, on the other hand, remains a question.

According to Matthew Park, chief executive officer of the Saipan chain of the E-Land Group, two of E-Land's three hotels on Saipan—Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort and PIC Saipan—suffered the most damage during Super

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## Rota mayor pleads not guilty

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Re-elected Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig entered a not-guilty plea yes-

### » His girlfriend's hearing is postponed

terday in federal court to all charges in a superseding indictment that accused him and his girlfriend, Evelyn Atalig, of making CNMI government-funded trips to California, Palau, Guam, and Saipan using false pretenses.

Evelyn Atalig's initial appearance/arraignment that was earlier scheduled for yesterday was postponed to Monday, Dec. 10, at 11am.

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## New Kagman shelter eyed as permanent long-term shelter



Tents that are fully air-conditioned also house some of the shelterees within the large yard of the long-term shelter in Kagman.

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The new Kagman emergency shelter facility is already being eyed as a possible permanent long-term shelter for future typhoons—if needed.

According to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, the former juvenile detention facility in Kagman would serve as a great shelter for future typhoons.

"We have this beautiful facility sit-

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### Probable cause is found in 'ice' possession charge

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Probable cause has been found to warrant the filing of a charge against a man who was allegedly in possession of crystal methamphetamine or "ice."

During a bail hearing Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho deemed that probable cause exists to charge 30-year-old Edward LG Fabros with illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Fabros' bail was set at \$10,000. If found guilty, he could serve up to five years in prison.

His preliminary hearing is on Dec. 12; he will be arraigned on Dec. 17.

He was represented in court by assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues.

Police say that officers pulled over a white Toyota 4-runner on Dec. 3, at around 10:23am, for faulty taillights. After the vehicle pulled into the Winchell's parking lot in

Susupe, police officers talked to the car's driver, Lionel Borja. Fabros was the passenger.

During the interaction, one of the police officers allegedly heard the sound of a glass object hitting the pavement from the passenger side.

Borja was asked to present his drivers license but couldn't do so because it was in the back seat. Fabros told the police officer that he would grab the license for Borja. Fabros allegedly spotted throwing an object out the back-seat window when he was reaching for the license.

One of the two police officers went around to the pas-

senger seat area and spotted a clear Ziplock bag containing a crystal-like substance that later tested positive for methamphetamine.

The officer later spotted a second Ziplock bag containing several Ziplock bags and a green straw, and a clear glass pipe.

When the police officers asked Fabros what he threw outside, Fabros said he didn't throw anything. Fabros was then arrested and was later brought to the Department of Corrections.

Borja was also detained but was released the following day, Dec. 4.



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## Palacios: Things are beginning to normalize

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Forty-one days after Super Typhoon Yutu levelled large swaths of Saipan and Tinian, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce met last Wednesday to take stock, praise everyone's efforts to regain some normalcy, and give thanks for the CNMI now being in its way to recovery.

Speaking to Chamber members and guests in last Wednesday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan's Hibiscus Hall, Chamber president Velma Palacios praised businesses' efforts to sustain operations a few days after Super Typhoon Yutu devastated Saipan and Tinian.

The CNMI tourism industry was the hardest hit by Yutu as hotel reservations and packaged tours were cancelled by mostly the Chinese and Korean markets. Saipan's roads were also unsafe and littered with typhoon debris.

Palacios also praised the personnel involved in bringing the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport back to its regular operations.

"And we can see that tourists are back. They are coming in," said Palacios. "Everybody

has done a fabulous job in cleaning and getting the Garapan area back. We do need our tourists. We do need our economy to continue to grow and we need everybody here that's visiting us."

She added that the community remains upbeat even after Yutu. "We can see that, although we are suffering and we are in recovery, we're still smiling and remain optimistic. It shows that we are a resilient people."

"We are working together and it is not only the community but also all the businesses, even by a lot of businesses that were also impacted by the typhoon."

Palacios also praised the efforts of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., with the help of the Guam Power Authority and other partners, in bringing power back to the islands.

"As they continue to provide power to all parts of the island, it is wonderful that businesses are coming back to normal operations and it is a great thing because we need it for our economy. We need to continue to have everybody spend money so that it can go back to our economy," said Palacios.

### Great day

She said people in the CNMI

still have a lot to be thankful for, including the efforts of the many organizations, individuals, and local and federal partners in helping the community in its recovery efforts.

"Thank you all for what you've been doing and I just couldn't be happier. It is a great day. We just celebrated Thanksgiving and we still have a lot to be thankful for," said Palacios. "As you can see, we are recovering swiftly because of our CNMI government, with the help of our local and federal partners, the first responders, the [Federal Emergency Management Agency], [U.S. Small Business Administration, CUC, [local Department of Public Works], the [Saipan] Mayor's Office, GPA, Pohnpei, Yap, Colorado, and everybody that came out here that have been giving us support."

She also praised the decorations being put up around the island. "It brings out the Christmas spirit and for a while we forget about the disaster."

Fiesta Resort's Hibiscus Hall was decorated with a Christmas tree and other festive trimmings. One Chamber board member even attended the meeting dressed in a Santa Claus suit.



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# DNAP benefits issued to over 11,000 households

As of Dec. 4, 2018, 11,209 households were issued Disaster Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, or DNAP, totaling \$6.9 million.

At the same time, \$282,713 in supplemental benefits have been issued to about 1,346 Nutrition Assistance Program households since the implemen-

tation of the Emergency Food Assistance on Nov. 25, 2018. The Emergency Food Assistance operation will be ending on Dec. 8, 2018.

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ting up here. It is hardened like a bunker—no damage from that terrible typhoon. Nothing at all,” he said.

The former juvenile detention facility had been sitting abandoned for four and a half years, Hunter noted. To adequately prepare it as an emergency shelter, DCCA staff had to do heavy cleaning to get it ready.

In order to make official the designation of the site as a permanent long-term shelter facility, it would need to obtain the blessing of the governor

and the Legislature, he said. “...We are going to need to go through the Legislature and the governor. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, of course, has given us the green light to do this,” Hunter said.

The facility, according to Hunter, has functioning air-conditioning units and a generator. A reverse osmosis system similar to those used in hotels already exists within the facility, along with a good plumbing system and running water.

The facility also boasts metal windows and bulletproof glass. “...It still needs some work but, hopefully [in the future], when we have ty-

phoons, we won’t need to close down the Saipan Aging Office and schools under the Public School System [and use them as shelters],” he said, adding that some PSS schools still sustained heavy damage despite their emergency shelter status.

In contrast, the former juvenile detention facility in Kagman “sustained no damage,” he added.

Besides being strong as a fort, the long-term shelter in Kagman is spacious enough to accommodate a large number of shelterees and provides children with a yard to run around and play.

Hunter noted that the fa-

The schedule for first responders, disaster relief, disaster recovery workers and DNAP workers will be on Dec. 8.

Individuals who have been involved with disaster relief and recovery efforts, and who have not applied for DNAP,

cility could accommodate a maximum of 700 shelterees “if necessary.” As of yesterday, the shelter population is estimated to be at about 205 to 210, about 90 less than the expected 300.

The current shelter population includes the shelterees from the Kagman Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Tanapag Middle School, Saipan Aging Office, and the Hinemlu O’hala Para Enteramenti Recovery Center, or the HOPE Recovery Center in Marpi.

Military-style tents that are equipped with air-conditioning units have also been erected near the Kagman facility.

may come and apply on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the NAP office in As Lito.

Applicants are asked to bring their agency issued IDs and their documentation needed for their DNAP application.

The remaining schedules for the DNAP are: Dec. 7: D15901 – D 17600 +; Dec. 8: first responders, disaster relief/recovery and DNAP workers.

DNAP coupon benefits are meant for purchase of food and food commodities at NAP authorized retailers, which will expire on Jan. 31, 2019.

Disaster coupons, including NAP coupons, are temporary.

Monday	Dec. 10	S - Z
Tuesday	Dec. 11	A - C
Wednesday	Dec. 12	D - L
Thursday	Dec. 13	M - R
Friday	Dec. 14	OPEN DAY

## Red Cross scales down Yutu service center

The American Red Cross Emergency Assistance Service Center at Marianas Business Plaza will close on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6pm.

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter has been offering emergency financial assistance on Saipan to families who have had catastrophic or major damage to their homes over the past 30 days.

Red Cross Service Centers have been open in Tanapag, Kagman, San Vicente and in Susupe at the Marianas Business Plaza. Assistance has been provided to more than 3,000 families through this

ily allowed to purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals, but only at authorized NAP retailers. Hot foods and ready-to-eat meals are those that are prepared for immediate purchase. These will only be allowed through Jan. 31, 2019.

Due to the ongoing processing of the DNAP on Saipan, the regular issuance of the NAP benefits for December 2018 have been delayed. NAP benefits were issued on Dec. 6 on Tinian, on Dec. 7 on Rota, and from Dec. 10 to Dec. 14 on Saipan.

Following are the schedules for regular issuance of the NAP benefits on Saipan.

process.

The goal has been to deliver bridge financial assistance, so families can meet emergency needs for food, water, clothing, fuel and other critical expenses.

Anyone with major home damage from Typhoon Yutu are encouraged to go to the Service Center by Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6pm to meet with a Red Cross caseworker.

Required documents need to include an ID as proof of residence (examples: official photo ID, lot number, phone and CUC bill, rental or lease agreement, pictures of household damage). (PR)

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All eight senators present—Palacios, Senate vice president Sen. Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota), House floor leader Rep. Francisco M. Borja (R-Tinian), and Sens. Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan), Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), and Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota)—supported the bill. Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) was excused from the session.

S.B. 20-35 would also authorize certain existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years and would authorize DPL to negotiate new public land leases with certain existing public land lessees under new terms and considerations without publishing an RFP.

Concepcion-Teregeyo told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she can’t comment right now until she sees the final version of the bill that was passed by the Senate. “There have been so many changes with the bill [that] until I get the transmission, then I will be able to comment.”

With Fiesta and Hyatt expiring on their public land leases “things will now change. ... If [Torres] signs it, then that changes DPL’s stand to [solicit proposals].”

Once the Legislature transmits the bill to the Office of the Governor, Torres has 30 days to review and act on it. If Torres does not act on it, then the bill automatically becomes a law after 30 days.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said they have to meet again with both the management of Fiesta and Hyatt, adding all parties involved with the negotiations are on the same page in hoping to reach an agreement. “The Fiesta and Hyatt management are hopeful to be able to work with DPL and we at DPL are also hopeful and on the same note with them.”

### RFPs canceled

The DPL chief said they would cancel releasing the requests for proposal for both Fiesta and Hyatt as they wait for any action to be done by Torres once the Legislature transmits the final draft of S.B. 20-35. “Things now change and, of course, if the governor signs it, we won’t publish our RFP. Our RFPs are ready but we will hold off for now.”

Fiesta’s lease is expected to end in June 2021, while Hyatt has two years left on its public land lease.

“We already had a proposal with the final draft to be published and our target to advertise [FRPs] was at the end of December of midweek of January. A lot of things were disrupted and we also had some

setbacks due to the storm, but it was only just two weeks for us. Not a very long one.”

Now that the bill passed the Senate, Concepcion-Teregeyo said that Torres has enough time to review it before DPL makes a move. “We won’t be able to publish [RFPs] until the governor signs or vetoes it [S.B. 20-35].”

“Looks like everything would stay in place. There won’t be no publication of RFPs until after 30 days. We have to wait for 30 days for the governor to act on it or not, after the Legislature transmits the bill to the Governor’s Office.”

### Prevent another Mariana Resort

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh and officials of their member hotels—especially those with expiring leases—are relieved.

Cavanagh, who is the Pacific Islands Club Saipan general manager, along with other officials and personnel of HANMI-member hotels on Saipan, attended yesterday’s Senate session. Their group has been monitoring the legislation, with Fiesta and Hyatt’s leases expiring in less than three years.

Senate members and HANMI are hoping S.B. 20-35 would prevent another incident similar to what happened to Mariana Resort &

Spa, which closed down last September as the request for proposal ended with only Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC as the lone bidder. However, IPI and the Department of Public Lands did not come to terms with their negotiations, resulting in the resort’s shutdown.

Cavanagh said S.B. 20-35 is close to her heart, being the former general manager of Mariana Resort. “Now we’re dealing with the leases of Fiesta and Hyatt. The bill is too late to save the negotiations of Mariana Resort. So now that it has closed, a lot of the local people that were [previously] working there are now without jobs. ...With this bill, it gives us some time to have an effort to negotiate for the next 15 years.”

With the ball now in Torres’ court, HANMI is hoping the governor would act on the bill. “Hopefully, he signs it, then we can go back to the negotiation process. Fiesta and Hyatt are the ones that are under fire right now. Thank God that they [Fiesta and Hyatt] weren’t too affected by [Super Typhoon] Yutu. They just have some minor issues with their facilities. Thank you, too, that Senate President [Palacios] was able to accomplish what he started. We just have one more step to go—for the governor to sign it. Hopefully he signs it soon.”

vanagh, PIC expects its first batch of visitors to come in on Dec. 20.

“In a couple of weeks, [PIC] will be opening. We actually have our first guests scheduled to come in on the 20th and we’re going to be fully operational,” she said.

Cavanagh said that reconstruction has been moving quickly and smoothly since the

typhoon. “If you go there now, it looks very scary but things are moving quickly,” she added.

Cavanagh said that much of PIC’s roof was damaged, and the swimming pools were also damaged and left filthy.

Fortunately, as the rooms and roof are being rebuilt, the pools will be cleaned and filled before the arrival of the

first guests. “Next week, the pools should be done...and we should be starting to fill the pools by the 14<sup>th</sup>,” she said.

The newly built waterpark that PIC unveiled early this year withstood the test of Super Typhoon Yutu, Cavanagh said, but PIC will also be replacing a few of the parts to ensure optimum safety and to ensure the longevity of the slides.

## PIC

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Typhoon Yutu, leaving both buildings in complete ruins. Its third hotel, the Kensington Hotel in Marpi, had almost no damage.

“We are one of the worst damaged companies on the island. Not only Coral Ocean

but also PIC stopped operations” he said.

Over a month following the destruction, Park said they are expecting to complete reconstruction of PIC and resume the hotel’s operations this December.

Unfortunately, they are still uncertain when they will even start the reconstruction, let alone resume hotel operations,

of COP because of the extensive damage it sustained.

“If you go to PIC right now, it’s a mess but I think we can finish our rebuilding by end of December...PIC will re-open in December but I’m not sure about Coral Ocean because [there was] too much damage,” he said.

According to PIC Saipan general manager Gloria Ca-

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## China website ranks Saipan as most popular in Pacific

Saipan has been ranked as the most popular Pacific island destination among Chinese tourists, according to the Mafengwo, one of China's largest online websites that enables users to share travel experiences.

In its 2018 Memo for South Pacific Island Destinations, Mafengwo ranked Saipan at the top of list, almost twice as popular as the runner-up, Palau. The list is based on the sales of various island tourism products and users' behavior such as searches, travel notes, and question-and-answer.

"Mafengwo is one of the biggest online platforms for Free and Independent Travelers—or FITs—in China, so they have their finger on the pulse of what Chinese tourists are looking for and where they are travelling to," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "The Chinese traveler is a very important component of our tourism industry in the Marianas, and it's good to see demand for our destination is still strong in China, as evidenced by the quick rebound of the market after Super Typhoon Yutu. We will continue to focus our efforts on building that demand, including through destination improvements that will continue to make Saipan, Tinian, and Rota an ideal place to visit. This includes upgrading our tourist sites, improving our tourism infrastructure such as hotels and airports, protecting our natural environment, and creating a sense of place for all our visitors."

The study cited Grotto and Managaha as two famous sites on Saipan, especially for divers. Rounding out the top five destinations were Palau, Fiji, Tahiti, and Guam.

The tourism research center of Mafengwo found South Pacific Islands to be "beautiful and having unique tropical customs." In 2018, in addition to the well-known New Zealand and Australia, the tourism interest in South Pacific islands also grew rapidly in China. China will host the China and Pacific Tourism Year 2019. (MVA)

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# Long-Term Shelter

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One of the several buildings housing Super Typhoon Yutu shelterees at the former juvenile detention center in Kagman.



One of the several buildings housing Typhoon Yutu shelterees at the former juvenile detention center in Kagman.



Officers of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services help move shelterees who are unable to move for themselves to the new long-term shelter in Kagman.



U.S. military personnel help move items from the new long-term shelter facility in Kagman.



Some of the items owned by a shelteree at the Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti Recovery Center in Marpi, or HOPE Recovery Center, is loaded on a van to make the move to the new long-term shelter in Kagman.



American Red Cross volunteers pose for a picture at the long-term shelter in Kagman.



Children play with an exercise bike at the new shelter.

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# 12 naturalization ceremonies so far this year

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REPORTER

The U.S. District Court for the NMI has had 12 naturalization ceremonies this year—the most number ever in the recent history of the Commonwealth. The last naturalization ceremony for the year will be held on Dec. 14 at 10am.

Saipan Tribune learned from

a court staff yesterday that, as of last September, there were already 125 individuals who have been naturalized, making this year not only the one with the most number of ceremonies, but also the most number of people naturalized, at least since 2004.

Except in August, the district court held naturalization ceremonies every month this calendar year.

Most naturalized citizens in the CNMI are former Philippine nationals.

According to the district court's annual report, in 2015, the court held six naturalization ceremonies. A total of 104 individuals were naturalized from countries that included Canada, Palau, the United Kingdom, Samoa, Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, Pakistan,

South Korea, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, and Jamaica.

In 2016, there were six naturalization ceremonies, with 115 individuals from 13 countries taking their oath as U.S. citizens. The countries include Palau, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Bangladesh, People's Repub-

lic of China, the Philippines, Dominican Republic, Federated States of Micronesia, Romania, Cuba, and Russia.

In 2017, five naturalization ceremonies were held, with 115 individuals naturalized from 13 countries. The countries are the same in the 2016 ceremonies.

In all of these ceremonies since 2015, several people served as keynote speakers, including Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-

MP), then-Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Admiral Babette Bolivar, Saipan Mayor David Apatang, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa Bishop Ryan Jimenez, Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3457 commander Brad Ruszala, and lawyer and former Miss CNMI Universe Janet H. King, among others.

## NMI celebrates Constitution Day

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang urged the public yesterday to remember Constitution Day, Dec. 8, as an occasion to celebrate the 40 years that have passed since the CNMI Constitution was created.

"Our Northern Mariana Is-

lands Constitution is the bedrock of our social, economic, and political development and progress, a growth of our way of life spanning 40 years when our people chose to be self-sustaining and self-governing," he said in a statement. "In hindsight, we have

advanced in every aspect of growth, and today we are proud that we are much better off than in the day before 1977, when our Constitution was ratified by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and 1978, when our Constitution took effect."

Since the holiday falls on a Saturday this year, it will be observed by the CNMI government today.

Apatang noted that the CNMI Constitution serves as the framework for 40 years with which



Apatang

the government has conducted its affairs, relationships, and even immigration to establish businesses and livelihood.

"Respect and fidelity to our Constitution is not a conditional

promise anyone of us could make; it is a non-debatable commitment and obligation. It has guided us for 40 years in maintaining a stable system of law and order, check and balance, and furthering the multi-varied beliefs of our now very diverse population," the mayor said. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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# FEMA Region 9 chief checks recovery's progress

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A ranking official from the Region IX office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently visited the CNMI to check on the progress of recovery efforts in the Commonwealth after two destructive typhoons: Super Typhoon Yutu last month on Saipan and Tinian and Typhoon Mangkhut on Rota on Sept. 10.

Robert "Bob" Fenton Jr., who has been with FEMA for 22 years now, arrived on Saipan last Sunday morning and spent Monday meeting local officials and getting updates on the progress being made. He went to Tinian on Monday before leaving last Tuesday night.

While here, he told *Saipan Tribune* that he could have been here earlier, but the California wildfires pushed back his visit. "I wanted to get here a few weeks ago. I could have been here earlier but I have to also oversee the emergency response during the California wildfires. I was coordinating

the emergency response and the logistical support during the wildfires."

The CNMI is under FEMA Region IX, together with the other Pacific territories of American Samoa and Guam and the states of Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada.

Natural disasters can't be prevented, Fenton said, but their effects could be lessened through preparation and planning. "My heart goes out to all who lost their homes. ... "I came here to get an idea and understand the response being done. To see how the team is doing. To see the figures, reports, and hear the stories of the people that were severely impacted by the typhoons."

He was surprised to see the amount of progress that has already been made after Super Typhoon Yutu. "A big step is seeing that the concrete poles—lots of it—have been put up and a lot of areas already have power. That's both for Saipan and Tinian. More concrete power poles are coming in. The water wells have been generating



JON PEREZ

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management public information officer Nadine Deleon Guerrero, left, gives an update on the ongoing recovery efforts from Super Typhoon Yutu while Federal Emergency Management Agency-National Incident Management Assessment Team external affairs officer David Gervino listens in Wednesday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

and are already working. [Garbage] stations have been set up where people can drop off typhoon debris. There's still a lot of work that needs to be done, but I'm pleased with the progress and I look forward to the partnerships involved."

Fenton thanked the local government—led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas—and their other federal partners that includes the U.S. Department of Defense through the U.S. military.

He said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been overseeing the disposal of hazardous wastes, while household debris like broken electrical appliances and other materials will be shipped off-island through a barge.

"Wood and other green wastes can be burned while tin roofing could be recycled. It is better to check debris and waste. We are also encouraging everyone to recycle in order to reduce the impact to the landfills."



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# BOE's Tenorio asks for help to repair bus stops

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CNMI State Board of Education vice chair Janice Tenorio is asking for the help of the local business community to assist them in the repairs that are needed to all bus stops that were damaged or destroyed when Super Typhoon Yutu swept through the island last October.

Tenorio made the appeal in last Wednesday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan. PSS Office of Pupil Transportation director Shawn San Nicolas was with Tenorio at the meeting.

Public schools under the CNMI Public School System resumed classes last Monday, but Tenorio said that three schools are still being used as shelters and would open on Monday, Dec. 10.

Da'ok, Dandan Middle School, Oleai Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School resumed classes Monday.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, Hopwood Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, Marianas High School, Early Head Start, and the Head Start Program would open next week.

GTC, GES, KES, TMS, Da'ok, KHS, and Chacha will have full-day sessions while OES, WSR, KobES, SVES, DMS, and FMS will have double sessions with their classes.

"The reason why I'm here is to humbly seek your assistance in regards to the bus stops," said Tenorio.

BOE members and PSS personnel went around the island

to check on the bus stops in the villages last Monday and they saw a number that were damaged by Yutu. "I humbly seek your assistance in regards to sponsoring and enhancing these bus stops."

She acknowledged that many businesses or companies have adopted or sponsor some bus stops. McDonald's, Lions Club, IT&E, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort—under E-Land that includes Pacific Islands Club, and Kensington—Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, TanHoldings Corp., and Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) are some of the bus stop sponsors.

"Their sponsored bus stops need to be repaired. We also have other bus stops used by our children that have not yet been sponsored," said Tenorio, who added that she would provide the Chamber a list of bus stops that need a sponsor and repairs.

She said that bus stops provide shade to students early in the morning and late afternoon, especially now that schools would conduct two sessions to make up for the days when classes were suspended after the Yutu.

"These bus stops provide shelter to our kids as early as the 6:30am or 7am pickup. Then at 11:30am, they are dropped off back to their homes. Then the buses go back out for another round, which is mid-afternoon and that's really hot," said Tenorio.

"The kids stand there waiting for the bus in the morning and they get dropped off late, which is hot since we haven't had much rain since the typhoon. On behalf of the BoE, I humbly ask for your help and appreciate the companies that can adopt and contribute in refurbishing or enhancing the current bus stops."

## Thank you

Tenorio, who works full time as the manager of IT&E's Customer Service division, said the past few weeks after

the typhoon have been emotional for everyone. She expressed thanks, however, on behalf of the BoE and PSS, for helping in the efforts to help with the CNMI's recover.

"But we worked so hard with the help of our local and federal government, the [local] Red Cross and other organizations, the [Federal Emergency Management Agency, military personnel, both active and reservists from all over the CNMI and the neighboring islands in Guam, Hawaii, and, I believe, also from Okinawa," Tenorio said. "Thank you. Thank you, too, to all our first responders for their contribution in cleaning up our schools as well as the entire CNMI."

She also praised San Nicolas for his everyday work in making sure the children are safe and are picked up on time. "He wakes up at 2am and goes to the bus depot down at Lower Base. He calls the bus drives, and ensures that buses go out in orderly fashion. [He] makes sure that all the buses are safe to transport our children to the schools from the different villages."

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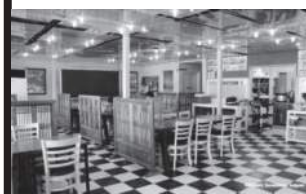
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### EDITORIAL

## Time to shore up Affordable Care Act

One of the clear messages of the midterm elections was the enthusiasm Americans have for the Affordable Care Act. Now that more people have better access to individual health insurance, they want to keep it.

It's time for Congress to move on from fighting Obamacare and work to improve it. The midterm elections, which resulted in a strong Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, should help. Ideas that had bipartisan support in the Senate, but were previously blocked in the House, should now have a clearer path to the president's desk.

Open enrollment for 2019 insurance under the ACA began just before the election and will close Dec. 15. Washington residents continue to show enthusiasm for Obamacare, with enrollment at Washington Healthplanfinder up 3 percent over last year's numbers. Despite marketing cutbacks from Congress and the Trump administration, results so far show this is going to be another good enrollment year. Obamacare is not a failed policy, and it is far from dead.

In polls and on the ballot, voters are saying yes to keeping Obamacare. People in four red states—Montana, Idaho, Nebraska and Utah—smartly voted in November to expand access to Medicaid. This key component of the ACA was designed to expand access to health care by raising the eligibility threshold to the working poor.

Now Congress needs to work to make health care affordable for everyone who doesn't have insurance through employment.

A key to affordability in the individual insurance market is more predictability for insurance companies. The Affordable Care Act was designed with financial incentives to attract and keep insurance companies in the market. The Trump administration has already eliminated some, but it's not too late to bring back certain incentives.

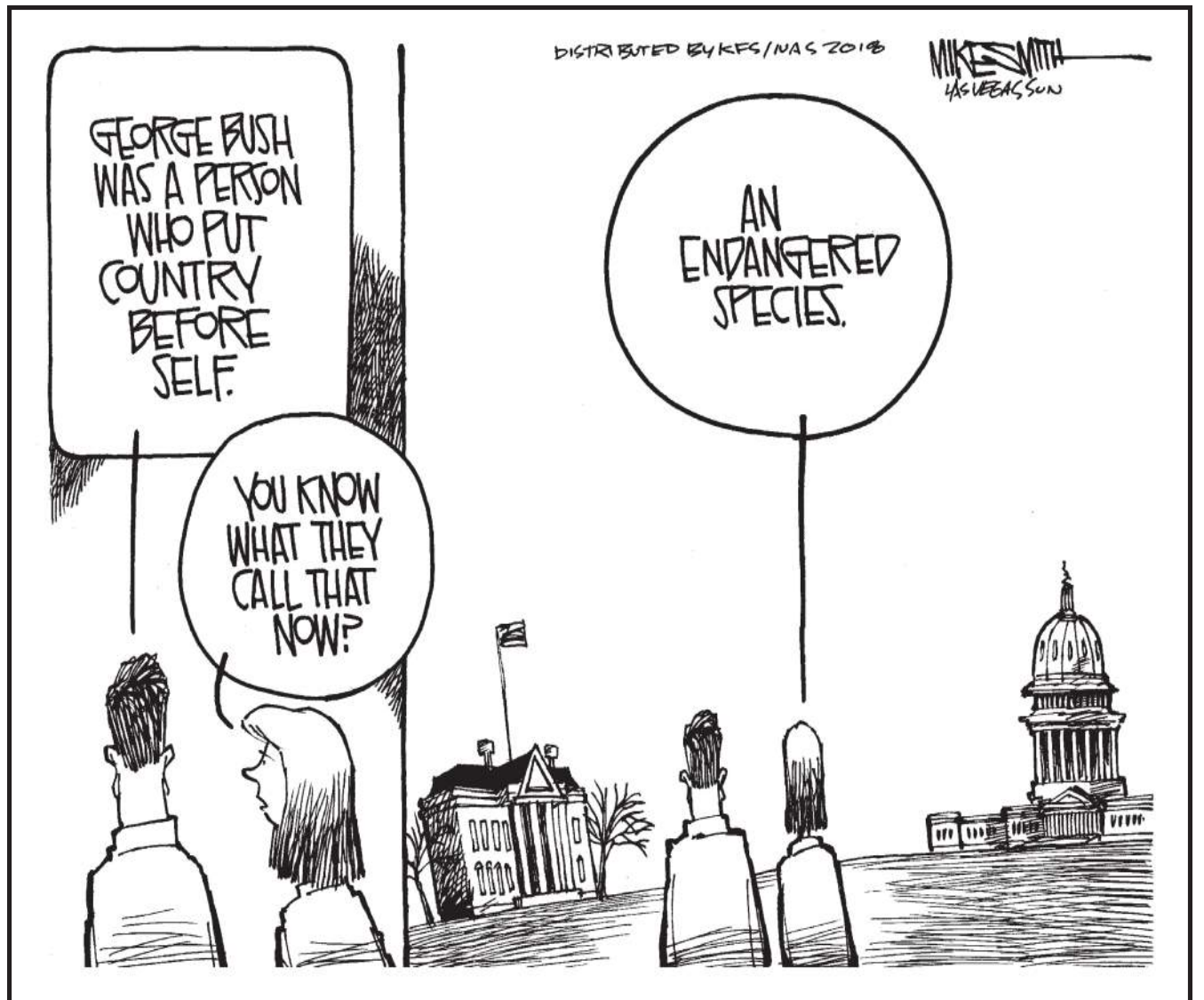
Congress could shore up the individual insurance market by voting to continue cost-sharing subsidies. Lawmakers also should block the administration's proposal to offer low-cost, low-benefit plans. And they should restore money to promote the state and federal health-insurance exchanges and the benefits of having insurance.

The Washington state Legislature can do its part by enacting Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler's proposal for a state reinsurance program—or insurance for the insurance companies when they face big claims. Reinsurance would cost Washington an estimated \$200 million, with a quarter of that coming from the federal government.

All of these changes would lead to more affordable insurance for the masses, a stronger insurance marketplace and healthier Americans.

The Affordable Care Act is a popular program that is here to stay. Congress should focus its political energies on making Obamacare stronger.

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## Trump deserves some credit for a truce with China

Just because the U.S. and China have agreed to call a truce in their trade war doesn't mean that it's over: This was a classic exercise in can-kicking. Nonetheless, most cans have quite a few kicks in them, and overall this is good news for the global economy. Instead of sweeping everything under the rug, as was the case before Donald Trump took office, America and China have found a new way of addressing conflict by talking openly.

Let's consider the announcement itself. The U.S. has pledged to postpone raising tariffs to 25 percent on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. China in turn has pledged to buy more U.S. goods, and the two countries have 90 days to reach a broader trade agreement, which is supposed to cover forced technology transfer and cyberattacks in addition to typical trade issues. That's not enough time to allow the bureaucracies to work out the relevant details, but extensions can and probably will be granted.

The symbolic elements of the deal are at least as important. First, China has acknowledged that exports of fentanyl, a highly addictive synthetic drug, are a very real problem for the U.S., and has pledged to ban them. In addition to the benefits of the ban itself, simply getting China used to the idea of accepting blame—for anything—counts as a step forward. It's a sign that China will start conducting its diplomacy less defensively and more like a normal member of the global community.

Another symbolically important detail: White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, a trade hawk, attended the meetings and participated in the process. Maybe he's unhappy with the temporary deal, but still this is a sign that Navarro and a Chinese trade agreement—even if only a can-kicking one—can coexist. If Trump sees this deal as beneficial to him politically, Navarro's protectionist influence may be reduced.

Perhaps most important, both the Chinese government and public opinion are not in a downward-spiraling, negative dynamic. I'm fully aware that giving China points for not getting worse is not the best way to keep score. Still, the Trump administration has managed to send China a real warning on trade, more than it received under previous U.S. administrations, without destroying relations. That too has to count as a victory.

Some observers have pointed out that the American and Chinese summaries of the deal offer somewhat different emphases. I see that as a feature of the deal rather than a bug, and one that is hardly uncommon for can-kicking arrangements. Each side can present this agreement to domestic interest groups in a way that

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will shore up political support. The relevant alternatives on the table, most of all an escalation of trade tensions, were far worse.

So what is the most likely outcome from here?

The basic problem with any U.S.-China trade conflict is that there is not very much the Chinese are interested in offering, and their intransigence is more than just a bargaining stance. They are willing to buy more American soybeans and manufactured goods (and probably wish to anyway), and they might give U.S. financial institutions freer rein within China. But they won't dismantle their system of state-owned enterprises, as those companies are among China's most powerful special interest groups. Nor will China give the major U.S. tech companies free rein in China, if only for reasons of national security and China's desire to build a surveillance state based on data controlled by China.

Overall, the grievances on the U.S. side are significant, and the possible concessions on the Chinese side are minor. So the most likely outcome is only modest progress in difficult negotiations. It's also likely that the power and focus of the Trump administration will wane as it deals with investigations from the new Democratic-controlled House of Representatives. It might be said that the trade war you now see is the trade war you are going to get. Foreign relations gridlock will set in.

Nonetheless, it's not quite fair to describe the trade war with China as a problem that Trump started and then pretended to solve. The reality is that hostility toward Chinese trade practices has been building for some time. Anti-China measures have long commanded bipartisan support not only in Washington but also among corporate leaders, who see themselves as victims of unfair Chinese trade practices and espionage. This is an issue that predates Trump, and he deserves some credit for doing something to help solve it.



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## Hazardous duty

When I was in college I took a part-time job over winter break so I could make some holiday money. Talk about a turn on the capitalistic treadmill. I had to work at a mall to make money to spend at the mall.

I worked at a cutlery shop. Half of it was devoted to kitchen knives, of which I knew nothing. The other half was devoted to outdoor and camping knives, a realm in which I had some familiarity. One of my favorite knives was a very small model of the Swiss Army Knife made by Victorinox. It was called the "Classic," which has a derivative, the "Classic SD." With one exception, customers, standing five deep at the counter, were happy for the recommendation, and we sold those great little knives by the handful.

As for that exception, well, I'll get to that in a moment.

As for the knife, it weighs less than an ounce. It is scantily longer than two inches, just a little bit longer than a standard house key. In fact, people often carry it on their key ring.

Its knife blade is, by my rough measure, about 1.3 inches long.

Its other blade is a file, and this is where the Classic and Classic SD differ. On the Classic SD the file has a squared-off tip that serves as a screwdriver; this tip is also beveled, which makes it good for prying. On the plain old Classic, by contrast, the tip of the file just tapers to a point. I think the Classic SD is the more useful choice.

The knife also has a small but highly useful pair of scissors, a small pair of tweezers, and a plastic toothpick.

The knife is made in Switzerland with admirable precision. I like to mention the knife from time to time because, in our electronic age, the old-school tools are going overlooked. As handy as electronic "apps" might be, sometimes you've still got to deal with stuff in the tangible world.

A few years ago I bought a Classic SD at Joeten Ace Hardware. I am now advised they're not stocked. If anyone knows where this knife is being sold on Saipan, I hope you'll let me know. Barring that, I'll mention that prices in the outside world

seem to range from about \$14 to \$20.

No, you can't repair a typhoon-ravaged electrical grid with the one, but you can tend dozens of little, or even not so little, tasks that crop up whenever life starts to get interesting.

Anyway, back to my shopping mall stint. There was one customer who wanted a gift for someone who liked to camp. But this little knife was so small it didn't strike the customer as a serious piece of gear. The customer scowled at it. For that matter, the customer scowled at me, too.

"It can do a lot of stuff," I said in reference to the knife.

"Oh yeah? Like what?" I was asked.

Hey, good question. What do you cut with a knife? What do you cut with scissors? What do you tweeze, pry, jab, slice, trim, or file? Whatever you want to, I suppose. I did offer a couple of random examples, but they just elicited more scowls, so they must not have been very striking.

Today, as I dawdle over my coffee, I decided to note a few specific things that, based on my experience, can be done with the Victorinox Classic SD:

- Remove a splinter from the skin;
- Cut bandages, tape, thread, fishing line, rope, cloth, etc.;
- Cut stitches;
- Trim fingernails and toenails;
- Shave wood into tinder;
- Tighten or loosen a hose clamp;
- Trim fuel line;
- Trim automotive heater-hose;
- Trim automotive vacuum tubing;
- Pry open a small-appliance access cover;
- Clip a newspaper or magazine article;
- Clip a coupon;
- Remove, repair, and re-install an electric switch;
- Pry a small battery out of a device;

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- Pry out an automotive fuse;
- Cut a plastic bottle into a field-expedient cup;
- Pry off a bottle cap;
- Remove a staple;
- Cut a V-notch in a cigar;
- Pare or cut small pieces of fruit and other food;
- Slice open a box or other packaging;
- File a corroded electrical connection;
- Cut and strip an electrical wire;
- Tighten or loosen a screw;
- Sharpen a stick, because sometimes dull sticks just won't do.

I'm not suggesting that the knife is the ideal tool for all of these tasks. The point is that it's that it's easy to keep at hand, which makes it the available tool for all of these tasks.

This time of year my pals and I talk about the latest gadgets. We all have boxes full of multi-tools, some quite nice, but I still consider the Victorinox Classic SD the most useful tool of them all.

I may be asked what the second-most useful tool is. I'd nominate the old military P-38 can opener. That's a tale for a different day. It's also a tale that has nothing to do with shopping malls during the holidays. That's fine with me. After all, some duty is too hazardous to contemplate for long.

## Destroyed!

The world's second most powerful superstorm "totaled" the island and literally left it in shreds about three weeks ago. We also felt a sense of loss upon finding destruction of a large number of family homes islandwide.

Well, the unusual stormy destruction has happened including non-storm events that merit quick ocular review.

The general elections turned into an easy slide into victory for Republicans. Independents and Democrats are pondering the apparent runaway situation. The loss is colossal!

The Torres-Palacios tandem won the most coveted seat with a clear public mandate. Now, it would be interesting to find out what plans they have for the next four years beyond the sounds of silence.

The election also brought an end to careers after some fruitful journey in the public domain. It's another closed chapter in our developmental history.

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**Thanks:** We should give thanks to the quick combined efforts of the administration, FEMA, and the military helping villagers begin the long journey to recovery.

Everybody was hit severely so there's no room to pass any blame around. Rebuilding has begun and it is the only order of business for at least a year's time. Let's stick to rebuilding our community!

The CUC crew was the first group that headed out immediately after the storm to clear roads so we could move about our business.

I say "thank you," knowing that you left home early to assist others as to place your own home needs second or for after-hours attention.

The DPS crew deserves likewise and thanks for ensuring safety in our community, especially when more than half the island is pitch dark after sunset.

Others who passed water and food to villagers definitely merit our *si yuus maase*! It shows that there's that sense of compassion and unity under total trying conditions where hardship is everybody's word.

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**Ooops:** There is talk that the election was tampered with and paid for by da kine for wealthy sugar daddies. Well, we need some concrete evidence beyond casual accusations. If it matters, then litigate the issue in a competent court of law so it's settled with finality!

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Heard IPI has reduced a good number of its employees last weekend. It's a tough cookie, given the ravaging effects of a superstorm on the local economy. It meant realignment of busi-

nesses as they begin the rebuilding process. I'm sure other businesses have done the same to stay above water.

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For ordinary citizens, the effects of the superstorm are what they see with their naked eyes of sheer physical destruction.

Beyond this level, destruction also adversely affected private industries. It means far less revenues for these isles for a period of time until full recovery is made. Give it at least a year's time.

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Immediately after the superstorm, I heard chainsaws groaning all over the neighborhood. This was replaced at dusk by small generators. It's part of the typhoon mess! Call it reconstruction!

Eventually, city power would be restored as we begin returning to normal life, hopefully soon. It's one tough cookie, rebuilding, but resiliency should get us there in no time.

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**Romeo:** I didn't know one could use taxpayers' money for a honeymoon with a mistress that stretches to several shores. Rota's Mayor Efraim Atalg allegedly did this and must now sing his rendition of *Hagu 'Olo* to a judge federal in court.

He should have verified whether the Legislature appropriated a Romeo and Juliet fund for quick kisses, hugs and the entire nine yards in exotic places. The gall to abuse public funds to pay for

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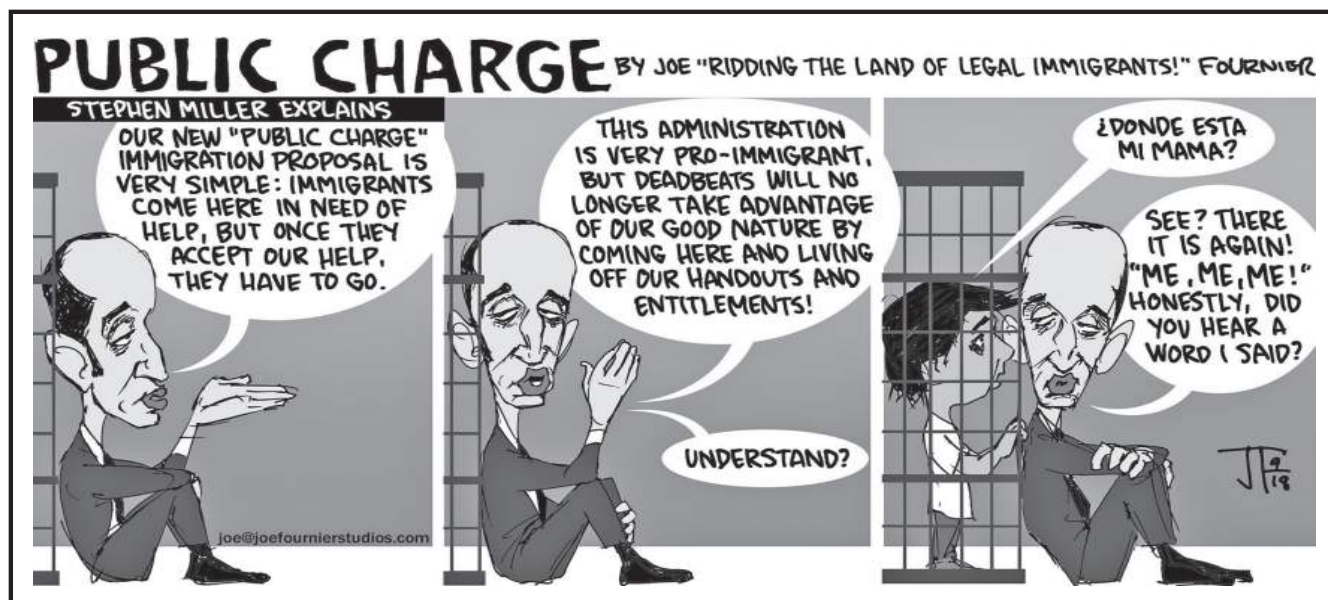


romantic rendezvous here, there, and everywhere, is simply juvenile! Well, let's see how this alleged promiscuity plays out in court.

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**Dark X-Mas:** The use of Christmas lights to spruce up the season may be a bit far-fetched when half the island is without regular power. But the spirit of the season is in our hearts and would welcome the veneration of the Baby Jesus on Christmas Day.






Admirable the resiliency of folks forced to pick up where destruction left after a helluva storm. Thanks to all who came out to help villagers with water and food. It shows there's unity in our community. Be that as it may, it's quite an unusual 2018!



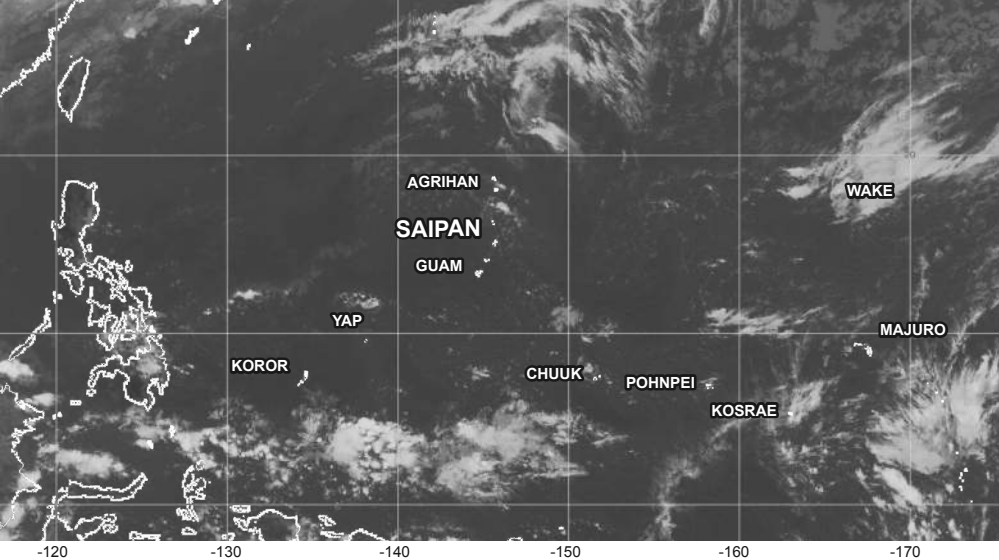


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 5:42 AM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180. Marianas are in a relatively dry trade-wind regime which looks likely to stay in place through the forecast period. Past day 7 there is some divergence in model solutions, with the GFS trying to spin up a tropical cyclone while the ECMWF maintains trade winds. Tracked the GFS TC back to its origins, and while there seems to be something there, there is high shear west of it and high shear east of it. This shows a ridge in the upper levels which, if everything was to fall into just the right position, could be favorable for development. Will have to maintain a vigilant watch... and a good possibility is that at some point this will happen, just the GFS is trying to make it happen too soon. If the ECMWF jumps on board, that could indicate that the time is drawing nearer.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	68° / 59°
Beijing	Sunny	28° / 9°
Hong Kong	Cloudy	70° / 57°
Honolulu	Showers	79° / 70°
London	Rain	55° / 45°
Los Angeles	Sunny	68° / 48°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	79° / 59°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	76° / 71°
New York	Sunny	39° / 27°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	48° / 39°
Paris	Rain	54° / 45°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	37° / 25°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	61° / 55°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	58° / 41°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	56° / 44°
Seoul	Sunny	25° / 10°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	52° / 39°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	40° / 26°



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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
1:38 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.32
8:28 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.88
1:55 PM	LOW TIDE	1.10
6:52 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.94

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:30 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:31 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:32 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:32 AM	5:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:08 AM	5:48 PM	-
Saturday	7:01 AM	6:37 PM	-
Sunday	7:53 AM	7:26 PM	-
Monday	8:43 AM	8:16 PM	-
Tuesday	9:30 AM	9:06 PM	-

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>				<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA105	4:45pm	5:25pm	2, 4	UA104	3:00pm	3:41pm	2, 4
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) – temporarily suspended</b>				<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN – temporarily suspended</b>			
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>				<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>			
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily <i>resume from Nov 27</i>	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily <i>resume from Nov 27</i>
<b>Temporarily suspended:</b>				<b>Temporarily suspended:</b>			
TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4	TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5	TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily	TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
				7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) – resume from Nov 28</b>				<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 28</b>			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
<b>SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH) – resume from Nov 28</b>				<b>HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 28</b>			
JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) – resume from Nov 26</b>				<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 26</b>			
3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) – resume from Nov 27</b>				<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 27</b>			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	4:45pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM	UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>				<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4 <i>resume from Nov 28</i>	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7 <i>resume from Nov 28</i>
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>
UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>
UA105/159	4:45pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM	UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
				UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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<b>SAIPAN TO ROTA</b>				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
<b>ROTA TO SAIPAN</b>				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
<b>ROTA TO GUAM</b>				<b>TINIAN TO SAIPAN</b>			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
<b>GUAM TO ROTA</b>				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
<b>SAIPAN TO TINIAN</b>				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
				2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



# E-Land donates \$130K for Yutu recovery

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REPORTER

The E-Land Group of Companies donated yesterday \$130,000 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter to aid in Super Typhoon Yutu recovery.

This is on top of the in-kind resources that E-land has already donated, like drinking water, diapers, butane, etc., that the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter has been distributing to families in need.

Yesterday, officials and staff of E-Land joined Red Cross representatives for the turn-over of the cash donation.

According to Matthew Park, chief executive officer of the Saipan business chain of the E-Land Group, the \$130,000 cash donation is E-Land's way of fulfilling its responsibility to the community, despite being one of the worst damaged companies on the island.

E-Land owns the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort Saipan, PIC Saipan, and Kensington Hotel. Both the Coral Ocean Point and PIC Saipan sustained heavy damage during the typhoon.

"We know what our responsibility [is] to...our community. That's why we are doing



Acting governor Victor Hocog, center joins E-Land Group of Companies staff and officials and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter volunteers yesterday at the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter headquarters along Airport Road.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

this donation," he said.

Despite the massive damage sustained by two of

E-Land's three hotels on Saipan, Park said that E-Land is still happy to extend all the help it can to the Saipan community.

"I'm not sure about our fu-

ture, but we still want to extend our sympathy to Saipan and the community," he said.

John Hirsch, executive director of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, said that, on behalf of the chapter, he is grateful for the generosity that E-Land has shown them.

"E-Land owns some of the major hotels here on the island. They have three properties and we're just incredibly grateful for the generosity of their parent company in Korea, all their staff, and their leadership here for supporting the Red Cross," he said.

Hirsch pointed out that E-Land also helped the chapter during the recovery process following Typhoon Soudelor three years ago.

"They helped us during Typhoon Soudelor and they've stepped up again and provided a very generous donation to enable us to carry out and fulfill our mission here of helping people," he said.

"The most emotional thing for me is, while two of their hotels are completely closed..., their teams are coming out to help the Red Cross. Here they are, really suffering...with two of their properties closed but their teams are going out to help the greater community and that, to me, is amazing," he added.

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**DEADLINE for Filing Claim is 10 Jan 2019.** The Law Office will cease operations on 15 February 2019. Filing your claim by 10 Jan 2019, will allow for having your claim confirmed and process the return of your property.

My designated representative, Tony Muna, will then contact you for confirmation and arrangements for forwarding your property.

Sincerely,

S. Joshua Berger, Esq.

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# 6 named Governor's Humanities awardees

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council announced yesterday the six recipients of the 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards.

The Lifetime Achievement

Award in the Humanities went to Scott Russell, who recently retired after serving the council as its executive director.

This event, held annually as a part of CNMI Human-

ities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Every year the council makes a call for nominations from the community and selects the awardees.

This year's recipients are:

■ Don Farrell: Research and Publication in the Humanities. Farrell is awarded for his publishing of the *History of the Northern Mariana Islands* textbook and *Tinian and the Bomb*.

■ Gordon Marciano: Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices. Marciano is awarded for his significant contributions as a Chamorro and Carolinian cultural practitioner, leader,

promoter, event planner and tour operator.

■ Galvin Guerrero: Preservation of CNMI History. Guerrero is awarded for his short films based on the book *We Drank Our Tears*, which is about the indigenous people and their stories of World War II.

■ Victor Cabrera: Outstanding Humanities Teacher

in classroom setting. Cabrera, a teacher of 14 years, is awarded for his unconventional methods of teaching middle school students on how to farm and be self-sustaining.

■ Cecilio Raiukiulipi: Outstanding Humanities Teacher non-classroom setting. Raiukiulipi is awarded for teaching the traditional

ways of navigating and sailing on traditional canoes to the community.

■ Russell: Lifetime Achievement Award in the Humanities. Russell is awarded for his 19 years of service and contribution to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the community.

The council would like to congratulate each awardee on their significant contributions to the Humanities in 2018. (PR)

## Japanese Autumn Festival moved to spring 2019

By ERWIN ENCINARES  
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REPORTER

With Saipan still recovering from Super Typhoon Yutu damage, the annual Japanese Autumn Festival that was originally scheduled for late October this year has been moved to early 2019.

Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas chair Masato Tezuka announced that the festival, which they organize every year, has been moved to Feb. 9, 2018, at the Paseo De Marianas.

Unlike prior autumn festivals, there would be no ceremony at the Katori Jingu Shrine at the Sugar King Park.

"...Due to tremendous damage caused by Super Typhoon Yutu just two days before the festival, we had no

other option except for postponing it," he said in a statement announcing the festival's postponement.

The festival was originally scheduled for Oct. 27, 2018.

The re-scheduled festival would be held on Feb. 9, 2019, from 11am to 3pm only and would feature traditional Japanese demonstrations and dances, along with food vendors selling popular Japanese food.

"We offer our deep sympathies for those who were affected and pray for the quick recovery of the community," Tezuka said. "...This was a truly unfortunate result as we made a good preparation for this festival for more than several months."

Despite the extensive destruction wrought by Yutu,

Tezuka noted that the spring theme for the festival was perfect since spring in Japan symbolizes a "new life" emerging from hardship.

"We would like to celebrate this festival as the 'Spring Festival' after suffering the difficult time since the end of October and by sharing the spirit of 'Marianas Strong,'" Tezuka said in the same statement.

He noted that in Japan, February is the month for welcoming spring and is regarded as a time when everybody "starts feeling the new life after the long winter."

"This festival is one of many examples of the historic ties between the Marianas and Japan, and our society is warmly welcoming all residents and visitors," Tezuka said.



### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP19-DOF-002

SUBMISSION DATE: JANUARY 11, 2019 • TIME: 09:30 A.M.

### "GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 10, 2018 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY LOCATED IN CAPITOL HILL, BUILDING NO. 1302, ASCENSION DRIVE.


**ALL QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA FACSIMILE TO MS. LARRISA C. LARSON, SECRETARY OF FINANCE, TO (670) 664-1115 **NO LATER THAN 04:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, JANUARY 04, 2019.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ LARRISA C. LARSON  
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY



### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

## INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW19-IFB-006

### KANAT TABLA ROAD, FLOOD CONTROL & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hogog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Kanat Tabla Road, Flood Control & Drainage Improvements**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 23, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **December 11, 2018**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 19, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW19-IFB-006"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 27, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, December 27, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 27, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **January 8, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, January 11, 2019**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on December 27, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:


- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Three Hundred (300) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply



### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ADDENDUM NO. 1 RFP19-DOF-002

### "GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE"

Due to the on-going recovery after Typhoon Yutu, the Secretary of the Department of Finance would like to extend the proposal opening for one (1) month. Therefore, this Addendum is issued to re-schedule the proposal submission and opening dates.

- Interested proposers may submit questions or inquiries regarding this RFP, in writing, *no later than 04:00 p.m., local time, October 26, 2018* is changed to **no later than 04:00 p.m., local time, January 04, 2019** to Ms. Larrisa Larson, Secretary, Department of Finance, by facsimile to (670) 664-1115. Responses from the Secretary be directed to all parties who have picked up a Request for Proposal from the Office of the Secretary of Finance, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP, 96950.
- Sealed proposals submittals for this project must be submitted with **one (1) original and three (3) copies** to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan **no later than 09:30 a.m., local time, November 19, 2018** is changed to read **no later than 09:30 a.m., local time, January 11, 2019 and must be marked RFP19-DOF-002.**
- Proposers outside the Commonwealth must notify the Director of Procurement and Supply, in writing, of their intent to submit a Notice of Intent to propose in order to receive this additional seven (7) working days for the receipt of the actual proposal documents. This Notice of Intent to Propose may be any mode of written communication including facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or e-mailed to **procurement@cnmidof.net** but must be received *no later than 09:30 a.m., local time, November 19, 2018* is changed to read **09:30 a.m., local time, January 11, 2019.**
- Proposals submitted by firms outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country by November 19, 2018 is change to read **January 11, 2019** and mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply to P.O. Box 510008, C.K., Saipan, MP 96950 and the proposal documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than November 28, 2018 is changed to read **January 22, 2019.**

**All other requirements of the Request for Proposal project package shall remain as stated.**

**The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks, and Contingent Fees shall apply.**

**The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, and waive any immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government.**

/s/ LARRISA C. LARSON  
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR OF P&S



# Business

## Canada arrests CFO of China's Huawei Technologies

**TORONTO** (AP)—Canadian authorities said Wednesday that they have arrested the chief financial officer of China's Huawei Technologies, who is facing extradition to the United States.

Justice Department spokesman Ian McLeod said Meng Wanzhou was detained in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday. He said Meng is sought for extradition by the U.S.

McLeod said a publication ban had been imposed in the case and he could not provide

any further details. The ban was sought by Meng, who has a bail hearing Friday, he said.

The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this year that U.S. authorities are investigating whether Chinese tech giant Huawei violated sanctions on Iran.

Meng is also deputy chairman of the board and the daughter of company founder Ren Zhengfei.

A U.S. Justice Department spokesman declined to comment.

A spokeswoman for Huawei

didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

In April, China appealed to Washington to avoid damaging business confidence following the Wall Street Journal report that U.S. authorities were investigating whether Huawei violated sanctions on Iran amid spiraling technology tensions.

A foreign ministry spokeswoman, Hua Chunying, said then that China opposes any country imposing unilateral sanctions based on its own law.

## Macron scraps French fuel tax hike amid violent protests

**PARIS** (AP)—French President Emmanuel Macron scrapped a fuel tax rise Wednesday amid fears of new violence, after weeks of nationwide protests and the worst rioting in Paris in decades.

Protesters celebrated the victory, but some said Macron's surrender came too late and is no longer enough to quell the mounting anger at the president, whom they consider out of touch with the problems of ordinary people.

Macron decided Wednesday

to "get rid" of the tax planned for next year, an official in the president's office told The Associated Press. Prime Minister Edouard Philippe told lawmakers the tax is no longer included in the 2019 budget.

The decision has ramifications beyond France, since the fuel tax rise was part of Macron's efforts to wean France off fossil fuels in order to reduce greenhouse gases and help slow climate change. Its withdrawal is both a blow to broader efforts to fight climate change and a

warning to other world leaders trying to do the same thing.

The "yellow vest" protests began Nov. 17 over the government plan to raise taxes on diesel and gasoline, but by the time Macron bowed to three weeks of violence and abandoned the new fuel tax, protesters were demanding much more. Many workers in France are angry over the combination of low wages, high taxes and high unemployment that have left many people struggling financially.



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## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Airport, Finance, Seaport, and Personnel)

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that the Board of Directors Committee Meetings will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room located on the second floor of the Captain George Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan, Saipan.

### AGENDAS

#### Airport Facilities Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
  - a. Solar Energy Updates
  - b. Airline Incentive Updates
  - c. Skymark Airlines – Request for Office Lease
  - d. Tandem Skydive – Request for Lease Extension
  - e. Rota Counters Status
  - f. Committee Report
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

#### Financial Affairs Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
  - a. Credit Card Standard Operating Procedures
  - b. Equipment Policy and Procedures
  - c. Supplemental Budget Request
  - d. CUC Settlement Agreement
  - e. Annual Report
  - f. Emergency Notice and Expenditure of Funds – Super Typhoon Yutu
  - g. Financial Reports
  - h. Committee Report
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

#### Seaport Facilities Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
  - a. Terminal Tariff Regulations (Modular Units) – Final Adoption
  - b. Committee Report
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

#### Personnel Affairs Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
  - a. Future Governor's Directives
  - b. Employee Grievance
  - c. Committee Report
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.  
A time limit may be imposed for oral statements.



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-032



### Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 1.5 MW Trailer Mounted Diesel Generating Set with Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 1.5 Mega Watt Trailer Mounted Diesel Generating Set with Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3 Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format or USB Drive, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-032, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 1.5 MW Trailer Mounted Diesel Generating Set with Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than January 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 14, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org), CUC-Power Generation Manager, Richard Cano via email address [richard.cano@cucgov.org](mailto:richard.cano@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY CAMACHO**  
Acting Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator



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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2019. In order for NMHC to extend your company's inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen's Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them (CONSTRUCTION QUARRY, READY-MIX CEMENT & HARDWARE STORES)
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)
15. Registration on the System for Award Management (SAM) official U.S. Government website and provide DUNS (number).

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Businesses (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
CORPORATE DIRECTOR

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"



# Nation



## Nation bids goodbye to Bush with high praise, cannons, humor

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation bid goodbye to George H.W. Bush with high praise, cannon salutes and gentle humor Wednesday, celebrating the life of the Texan who em-

braced a lifetime of service in Washington and was the last president to fight for the U.S. in wartime. Three former presidents looked on at Washington National Cathe-

Former President George W. Bush walks past President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump, Michelle Obama and former President Bill Clinton to give a eulogy for his father, former President George H.W. Bush during the State Funeral at the National Cathedral, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, in Washington.

dral as a fourth — George W. Bush — eulogized his dad as “the brightest of a thousand points of light.”

After three days of remembrance in the capital city, the Air Force plane with Bush’s casket left for a final service in Houston and burial Thursday at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station. His final resting place is alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter who died of leukemia at age 3.

His plane, which often serves as Air Force One, arrived at Ellington Field outside Houston in late afternoon. As a motorcade subsequently carried Bush’s remains to the family church, St. Martin’s Episcopal, along a closed interstate, hundreds of people in stopped cars on the other side of the road, took pictures and shot cell phone video. One driver of a tanker truck climbed atop the hulking vehicle for a better view, and at least 15 firefighters scaled a pair of stopped fire-trucks to salute.

Upon its arrival at the

church, Bush’s casket was met by a military band and Houston Democratic Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The national funeral service at the cathedral was a tribute to a president, a patriarch and a faded political era that prized military service and public responsibility. It was laced with indirect comparisons to President Donald Trump but was not consumed by them, as speakers focused on Bush’s public life and character — with plenty of cracks about his goofy side, too.

“He was a man of such great humility,” said Alan Simpson, a former Republican senator from Wyoming. Those who travel “the high road of humility in Washington, D.C.,” he added pointedly, “are not bothered by heavy traffic.”

Trump sat with his wife, a trio of ex-presidents and their wives, several of the group sharp critics of his presidency and one of them, Hillary Clinton, his 2016 Democratic foe. Apart from courteous nods and some handshakes, there was little interaction between Trump and the others.

## Border agent indicted for capital murder in four Texas deaths

DALLAS (AP)—A U.S. Border Patrol agent who confessed to killing four sex workers told investigators he wanted to “clean up the streets” of his Texas border hometown, a prosecutor said Wednesday while announcing that a grand jury had indicted the man for capital murder.

Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said he will seek the death penalty for the September slayings and that evidence presented to the grand jury showed Juan David Ortiz killed the women “in a cold, callous and calculating way.”

“The scheme in this case, from Ortiz’s own words, was to clean up the streets of Laredo by targeting this community of individuals who he perceived to be disposable, that no one would miss and that he did not give value to,” Alaniz said at a news conference.

Alaniz said Ortiz, 35, believed law enforcement didn’t do enough to curb prostitution, so he was “doing a service” by killing the women.

A suspect can be charged with capital murder if he is suspected in more than one killing in the same scheme with an overarching motive, Alaniz said. Three of the women were shot to death, and the fourth was also shot


but died of blunt force trauma.

Alaniz said the horrific nature of the killings and Ortiz’s vigilante mentality were factors in his decision to pursue the death penalty. Ortiz, who has been held on murder charges in the Webb County jail on a \$2.5 million bond since his Sept. 15 arrest in Laredo, presents a clear danger to society, he said.

The Border Patrol intel supervisor and Navy veteran seemed to be living a typical suburban life with his wife and two children when the killings occurred. He was only arrested after one victim was able to escape him and asked a state trooper for help.

“By day, he was a family man. The evidence shows that he was a supervisor, that he would go about his daily activities like anybody here. He appeared normal by all accounts and circumstances,” Alaniz said. “At the nighttime, he was somebody else — hunting the streets ... for this community of people and arbitrarily deciding who he was going to kill next.”

Alaniz said Ortiz knew some of the victims but he wouldn’t elaborate on what kind of relationship they had. Melissa Ramirez, 29, was slain on Sept. 3, and 42-year-old Claudine Luera was killed on Sept. 13.



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**CPA-RFP-002-19**  
**Request for Proposals**  
for:  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-01**  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-02**  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-03**  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-04**  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-05**  
**CPA Concession No. CRS-2018-06**


The Commonwealth Ports Authority (“CPA” or “Authority”) is soliciting proposals for the award of six (6) concessions granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport (“Car Rental Concessions”). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of three years upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-002-19 is **December 05, 2018**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:30 p.m. on January 09, 2019**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00 (cashier's checks made out to Commonwealth Ports Authority) to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

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**CPA-RFP-003-19**  
**Request for Proposals**  
for:  
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**CPA Concession No. CRT-2018-08**  
**CPA Concession No. CRT-2018-09**


The Commonwealth Ports Authority (“CPA” or “Authority”) is soliciting proposals for the award of three (3) concessions granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Tinian International Airport (“Car Rental Concessions”). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Tinian International Airport for a period of three years upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-003-19 is **December 05, 2018**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

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**CPA-RFP-004-19**  
**Request for Proposals**  
for:  
**CPA Concession No. CRR-2018-10**  
**CPA Concession No. CRR-2018-11**  
**CPA Concession No. CRR-2018-12**


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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

**MEETING AGENDA**

1) Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting – October 23, 2018

2) Public Comments

3) Committee Reports

1. Finance –

a. Amendments to the FY2019 Budget

4) New Business

1. RFP for Suicide Cliff and Bird Island Lookout

Flower Islands Beautification Project

5) Executive Session

6) Miscellaneous/Announcements

7) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



Asia

S. Korea abuzz about N. Korean leader Kim’s possible trip

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Day after day, rampant speculation about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s possible trip to Seoul is making headlines in South Korea, despite no official confirmation from either government.

Many analysts say it would be extremely difficult for Kim to fulfill by the end of this year his reported promise to become the first North Korean leader to visit South Korea, given limited time for preparation and impasses in global diplomacy on his nuclear weapons. But others say we will not know until the year is over, noting that several previously unthinkable events have happened in the past months, including Kim’s June summit with President Donald Trump in Singapore.

A look at the status of Kim’s

possible trip to Seoul:

**THE SPECULATION**

As the year draws to a close, South Korean media, experts and politicians are churning out reports and guesswork on whether Kim will come to Seoul by the end of December, or will postpone or even spike his plan.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in appears to be pushing Kim to keep his promise, though he said there is no time frame for his visit. After a meeting with Trump last week on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Argentina, Moon told reporters that the two agreed that Kim’s trip would play a “very positive role” in U.S.-North Korea nuclear diplomacy. Moon suggested that Trump agreed Kim’s Seoul trip could come

before the resumption of high-level U.S.-North Korean talks, including a possible second Trump-Kim summit.

One of the time frames that South Korean media say would likely be for Kim’s trip to South Korea is Dec. 18-20. These dates are based on a belief that the two Koreas would need more than a week of preparation, and would allow Kim to stay at home for a Dec. 17 memorial service for his late dictator father, Kim Jong Il. Also, Kim would be busy in late December preparing for his annual New Year’s Day address to outline his policy directions for 2019.

South Korea’s presidential Blue House, however, has de-

nied that time frame.

The Blue House reiterated Wednesday that Kim’s trip can occur either this month or early next year, saying it’s up to North Korea.

**THE OBSTACLES**

So the ball is in Kim’s court now, but his propaganda services have been silent about a Seoul trip.

Kim might find such a trip less beneficial now than when he agreed to it following his third summit with Moon in Pyongyang in September. At the time, some experts said the United States could soon accept a North Korean request for jointly declaring the end of the 1950-53 Korean War as part of security assurances to the North so that Kim could find it less

burdensome to make a symbolic, emotionally charged trip to Seoul after receiving that political concession.

But North Korea-U.S. diplomacy has since come to a standstill amid disputes over a U.S. demand that North Korea first disclose a full inventory of its nuclear weapons and take other significant denuclearization steps before winning major outside rewards. North Korea, for its part, now wants sanctions relief, the end-of-war declaration and other reciprocal measures from the United States, arguing it has taken some steps, like dismantling its nuclear testing facility and releasing American detainees.

Kim’s top lieutenants could also persuade him not to go to Seoul, citing worries about security arrangements for their

“supreme leader” visiting an enemy state.

It’s almost certain that Kim’s trip would trigger huge daily protests in Seoul by activists, conservative politicians and North Korean defectors. South Korea’s main conservative opposition says Kim must first apologize for 2010 attacks blamed on the North that killed 50 South Koreans before stepping on South Korean soil.

China strengthens foothold in EU with Portugal agreements

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Portugal is embracing China’s “One Belt, One Road” initiative, which offers loans for the building of large-scale infrastructure projects.

Despite wariness in other European Union capitals about Beijing’s strategy, the Portuguese government wholeheartedly endorsed the scheme during a 24-hour state visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The two countries signed Wednesday a memorandum of understanding on cooperation within China’s modern Silk Road initiative, with special emphasis on transport connections and energy.

Xi described Portugal as “an important hub in the land and maritime silk routes.”

“My visit has produced ... very successful results in developing our strategic partnership,” Xi said in a speech at the end of his stay.

China has signed “One Belt, One Road” agreements with dozens of countries around the world.

In the EU, however, some influential countries are reluctant to let China invest in the bloc’s critical energy and transport infrastructure. During Xi’s trip to Spain last week, Portugal’s neighbor refused to sign a memorandum of understanding expressing interest in joining the arrangement.

The Portuguese government wants China to help develop Sines, Portugal’s biggest Atlantic port, and expand national energy company Energias de Portugal overseas, among other things.

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa described the memorandum as a “strategic

affirmation” of Portugal’s place in connecting Asia and Europe.

No details of the terms of the agreement were published.

Portugal has long wanted to make the deep-water port of Sines, 150 kilometers (90

miles) south of Lisbon, a transatlantic logistics hub.

China currently has a 23.27 percent stake in Energias de Portugal and is poised to buy control of more than 50 percent. EdP controls EdP Re-

newables, the third-largest provider of clean energy in the United States, and the deal is likely to catch the attention of the U.S. government.

China and Portugal signed 17 cooperation agreements.

They included deals on joint technological research in the energy and communications sectors.

Trade deals covered the export of Portuguese pork and grapes to China.

# DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of December 07, 2018

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Park Jung Me dba LG Corporation	11/02/2018 SPI-2019-X-005	Office Building & Garage	Lower Base, Saipan	Minor Construction	Approved, 12/04/2018*
2. New Century Hotel, LLC	10/02/2018 SMS-2019-X-001	Hotel	Tanapag, Saipan	Major Siting	For Final Determination
3. Construction Materials & Supply Inc.	10/05/2018 SMS-97-X-59 Amendment 2019-1	Quarry Conditional Extension	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved 12/03/2018
4. Construction Materials & Supply, Inc.	08/02/2018 SMS-95-X-48 Amendment 2018-1	Quarry Conditional Extension	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved 12/03/2018
5. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC	10/09/2018 SMS-2015-X-029 Amendment 2019-1	Conditional Extension	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved 12/03/2018
6. USA Fanter Corp. Ltd.	SMS-2019-X-003	Hotel	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	For Final Determination

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, )**  
**Plaintiff, )**  
**vs. )**  
**FERMINA A. SABLAN, )**  
**Defendant. )**

**Civil Action No. 13-0036**  
**[AMENDED] NOTICE OF AUCTION AND JUDICIAL SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on May 15, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust from Defendant Fermina A. Sablan, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **January 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

**Lot No. 681-R-05** (formerly part of Lot 618-R-01, which was also known as Tract 21806, AH 127), Chugai, Rota, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 681 R 01, the original of which was recorded 09 JUN 1987 as Document No. 87-1957, at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

- Public Sale.** The auction shall be open to the general public.
- With Reserve.** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the action sale:
  - to withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
  - to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
  - to reject any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950. Phone: (670) 234-7859; Fax: (670) 234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
- Deposit and Payment:** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 7th day of November, 2018.

/s/  
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



## World

# Mexico's new leader says relations with Trump good

AP  
Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador waves as he arrives for the swearing-in ceremony for Mayor-elect Claudia Sheinbaum, in Mexico City, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Mexico's leftist new president said Wednesday that relations with U.S. President Donald Trump are "good," and the two will probably talk soon about the immigration issue.

Many analysts had been expecting President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to run into headlong conflict with Trump, especially since a caravan of about 7,000 Central American migrants set up camp on the U.S. border last month. The caravan's presence, and an attempt to cross the border en masse, led Trump to threaten to close the border.

But Lopez Obrador said

he is hopeful the two sides can agree on development aid for Central America and southern Mexico to create jobs so people won't have to emigrate.

"We are in constant communication, and the communication is good," Lopez Obrador said Wednesday "Relations are good."

"It is very likely that in coming days we will talk with President Donald Trump about this issue in particular, the immigration issue," he said.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard has been in Washington for talks on the issue.

But Lopez Obrador side-

stepped questions about whether Mexico will agree to house migrants while their asylum claims are processed in the United States, as U.S. officials have reportedly proposed.

Still in his first week in office, Lopez Obrador also said he is weighing what steps to take in regard to his extremely loose personal security arrangements, which have been widely criticized.

"We are looking at this issue," the president said, "My friends, family, civic activists, you (the press) are constantly bringing it to my attention."

Lopez Obrador holds news conferences every morning,

and at Tuesday's conference, an activist snuck in among the journalists and ran up to Lopez Obrador at the end of the conference to present him with a petition.

A staffer shadowed the woman but did not stop her from reaching the president, who accepted the papers she gave him, and gave her a hug and a peck on the cheek.

Reporters have to pass through a metal detector to enter the National Palace,

where the conferences are held, but Lopez Obrador routinely shakes hands in crowds where there are no such security filters.

"I don't feel or perceive any threat," he said. "I think anybody who fights for justice has nothing to fear."

Lopez Obrador thrives on contact with common people and crowds; he has dismissed the military presidential guard corps and has set in motion plans to sell the presidential jet

and flies economy class.

"I don't want to lose the relationship with the people, with the citizenry, I don't want a fence around me," Lopez Obrador said.

Lopez Obrador has attempted to quell nervousness in financial markets, especially concerns about the potential effects on investors of bonds that financed the partly built Mexico City airport project that Lopez Obrador has decided to cancel.

## Police arrest 84 in European crackdown on Italian mob

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)**—In an investigation that underscored an Italian crime syndicate's role as a leading player in international cocaine trafficking, police in four countries arrested at least 84 suspected mobsters Wednesday in a series of carefully coordinated raids.

Those detained allegedly work for the Italian 'ndrangheta criminal network that traffics in cocaine on a global scale.

"It's almost a cliché, but the operation carried out today confirms again the great danger of the 'ndrangheta, not just in drug trafficking, where it's the undisputed leader, but (also) in the financial sphere," said Francesco Ratta, a top

police official in the southern Italian region of Calabria. "It's an evolved 'ndrangheta, that we can say knows no borders ... It's an 'ndrangheta that day by day changes its skin ... but still keeps ties" to its home base in Calabria.

European officials announced the arrests at the Hague headquarters of Eurojust, the European Union prosecutors agency set up to bolster the fight against cross-border crime in the 28-nation bloc. Eurojust and EU police agency Europol coordinated the raids.

"Today we send a clear message to organized crime groups across Europe," said Filippo Spiezia, vice president of Eurojust, the EU prosecu-

tion agency that coordinated the raids. "They are not the only ones able to operate across borders; so are Europe's judiciary and law enforcement communities."

As well as arresting dozens of suspected mobsters in Italy, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, police seized drugs and around 2 million euros (\$2.3 million).

It was the second significant mob takedown in as many days. On Tuesday, Italian authorities said they had dismantled the rebuilt upper echelons of the Mafia in the Sicilian capital of Palermo by arresting 46 people, including the man presumed to have taken over as provincial kingpin.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Expectations low as Yemen's warring parties meet for talks

**CAIRO (AP)**—Yemen's warring parties will meet in Sweden this week for another attempt at talks aimed at halting their catastrophic 3-year-old war, but there are few incentives for major compromises, and the focus is likely to be on firming up a shaky de-escalation. U.N. officials say they don't expect rapid progress toward a political settlement but hope for at least minor steps that would help to address Yemen's worsening humanitarian crisis. Britain's U.N. Ambassador Karen Pierce said "it's very good news" that all the parties have come to Stockholm "but the hard work begins now and we hope the parties will engage in good faith with the United Nations." Both the internationally-recognized government, which is backed by a U.S.-sponsored

and Saudi-led coalition, and the Iran-aligned Houthi rebels say they are striving for peace. A Houthi delegation arrived in Stockholm late Tuesday, accompanied by U.N. envoy Martin Griffiths. The government delegation and the head of the rebel delegation were heading to Sweden on Wednesday.

#### UK Parliament, PM May's govt face off in Brexit showdown

**LONDON (AP)**—British lawmakers opened Round Two in their bruising battle with Prime Minister Theresa May's government over her Brexit deal, as the release of previously secret legal advice provided more ammunition for opponents of her unpopular divorce agreement with the European Union. May's Conservative government is struggling to convince skeptical legislators that the divorce

deal it has struck with the EU is a good one ahead of a vote in Parliament on Tuesday that could sink the agreement and possibly cost May her job. May's deal is in trouble because politicians on both sides of Britain's EU membership debate oppose it. Pro-Brexit lawmakers say it keeps Britain bound too closely to the EU; pro-EU politicians say it erects barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner and leaves many details of the future relationship undecided, subject to negotiations after Britain leaves the bloc on March 29. A defeat in the vote next week would leave the U.K. facing a messy, economically damaging "no-deal" Brexit on March 29 and could topple the prime minister, her government, or both. EU officials have said they agreed upon a Brexit deal with May, and there's no "Plan B."



# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Utah man accused of hammering ice pick through man's penis

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—A Utah man has been charged with sexual assault and kidnapping after authorities say he hammered a tool resembling an ice pick through another man's penis during an argument. The 45-year-old Jason Dee Maughn is scheduled to make a court appearance Wednesday in Salt Lake City. Online court records don't list an attorney. Court documents show that Maughn is accused of putting a gun to the victim's head and handcuffing him to a chair on Aug. 30. The victim told police he was given a choice of being killed in the desert or having a nail driven into his penis. He says he went to the hospital the next day for treatment after Maughn took the handcuffs off. The charging document describes the case as domestic violence and says the men lived together, but doesn't explain their exact relationship.

### Teen freed after being stuck in vault at abandoned bank

**HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP)**—Officials say a teen has been freed after spending more than three hours in the vault of an abandoned Florida bank. News outlets report that Hollywood firefighters tried to drill through a wall to break into the vault Wednesday afternoon after the 17-year-old's friend called 911. But they were stymied until a worker at the bank's new branch across the street heard of the predicament. That worker remembered the code and was able to open the vault's massive door. Officials say the two teens were exploring the vacant Bank of America building when one of them got stuck. Luckily, the other was on the outside and able to call for help. The teens' parents were called and authorities released the boys to them. No charges were immediately reported.

### Teacher who spoiled Santa will not return to school

**MONTVILLE, N.J. (AP)**—School officials say a substitute teacher who told first-grade students in New Jersey that Santa Claus isn't real will not be returning to the school. NJ.com reports Montville Schools Superintendent Rene Rovtar confirmed Tuesday the teacher will no longer work in the district after the incident Thursday at Cedar Hill School. Rovtar declined further comment, saying the issue is a personnel matter. Offi-

cials say the teacher debunked other holiday characters, including the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and Elf on a Shelf. Rovtar previously said she was disheartened by the incident and that "childhood wonder associated with all holidays and traditions" is special to her. The substitute teacher's identity has not been released.

### Sheriff: Man pulls gun on Popeyes worker in condiments clash

**MARRERO, La. (AP)**—A man is accused of pointing a gun at the manager of a Popeyes in Louisiana during a dispute over condiments. NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reports 59-year-old Earl Jethroe of Marrero walked into the eatery Friday, ordered a meal and apparently took issue with the condiments provided by employees. At some point, the arrest reports says, Jethroe threw his chicken across the counter, pulled a pistol from his waistband and pointed it at the manager. Jethroe didn't fire the weapon, and no one was hurt. Authorities say deputies later found Jethroe at another restaurant, yelling. They say he smelled of alcohol and was unsteady on his feet. Jethroe was arrested and charged with offenses including aggravated assault with a firearm. It's unclear if he has a lawyer who could comment.

### Secret Santa pays off nearly \$30K in Walmart layaways

**KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP)**—A Secret Santa made the holiday season a little brighter for hundreds of shoppers near Philadelphia after paying off nearly \$30,000 worth of layaways at a Walmart. Andy Rumford, of Kennett Square, tells The Daily Local he was shocked when he went to make a payment at the East Marlborough location and found out someone had picked up the tab. A Walmart official tells the newspaper the person who paid off the accounts wants to remain anonymous. Rumford owned about \$150 on his items and went to pick them up on Saturday. The cashier told him someone came in and wrote a \$29,000 check to pay off all the items on layaway in the whole store. Rumford says "something like this makes you want to reach out and do good for others."

### Saving Clark's neck? Panic at 'Lampoon's Christmas' display

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—A holiday display meant to recreate a scene from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" looked a little too real

and caused a veteran to spring into action. The Heerlein family placed a dummy representing Clark Griswold dangling from the gutter of their Austin, Texas, home, with a ladder tipping beneath him. A veteran passing by thought it was the real thing and wrestled the ladder up while shouting, "Can you reach it?" KVUE-TV reports the man called police, who arrived and advised the family they were getting calls about the display. They have since put up a sign that says "Clark G is part of our Christmas display please do not call 911."

### Royal Mail delivers: Postman, can you take this to heaven?

**LONDON (AP)**—A 7-year-old Scottish boy who sent a birthday card to his father in heaven has received a heart-warming reply. A Royal Mail official responded to Jase Hyndman after seeing the card addressed: "Mr. Postman, Can you take this to heaven for my dad's birthday." The Royal Mail's Sean Milligan wrote back, saying, "This was a difficult challenge avoiding stars and other galactic objects on route to heaven. However, please be assured that this particular important item of mail has been delivered." Jase's mother, Teri Copland, posted images of the letters on Facebook, which have been shared more than 260,000 times. Copland says, "I actually cannot state how emotional he is knowing his dad got the card. ... You've just restored my faith in humanity."

### 'Nutcracker' prince proposes to stunned Dewdrop Fairy

**WICHITA, Kan. (AP)**—The prince in the "Nutcracker" had a special present for his favorite ballerina during a performance of the holiday classic in Kansas. The Wichita Eagle reports that Allison Evans was playing the Dewdrop Fairy in the Metropolitan Ballet production Sunday in Wichita when her boyfriend, Dalton Rupp-Meinert, dropped to one knee and proposed. The moment was captured on video. Even though he'd never danced ballet in his life, Rupp-Meinert broached the idea with choreographer Jill Landrith before rehearsals began this summer. They hatched a plan to make him the prince. Evans says she thought the decision was "hilarious." Rupp-Meinert says the thing that made him the most nervous was remembering the choreography, not the proposal. The crowd included about 40 to 50 of their relatives and friends.

# Science & Technology

## Google's robotic spinoff launches ride-hailing service

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Google's self-driving car spinoff is finally ready to try to profit from its nearly decade-old technology.

Waymo is introducing a small-scale ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area that will include a human behind the wheel in case the robotic vehicles malfunction.

The service debuting Wednesday marks a significant milestone for Waymo, a company that began as a secretive project within Google in 2009. Since then, its cars have robotically logged more 10 million miles on public roads in 25 cities in California, Arizona, Washington, Michigan and Georgia while getting into only a few accidents — mostly fender benders.

The company is initially operating the new service cautiously, underscoring the challenges still facing its autonomous vehicles as they navigate around vehicles with human drivers that don't always follow the same rules as robots.

The service, dubbed Waymo One, at first will only be available to a couple hundred riders, all of whom had already been participating in a



This undated photo provided by Waymo shows its self-driving minivan. AP

free pilot program that began in April 2017. It will be confined to a roughly 100-square-mile area in and around Phoenix, including the neighboring cities of Chandler, Tempe, Mesa, and Gilbert.

Although Waymo has been driving passengers without any humans behind the wheel in its free pilot program, it decided to be less daring with the new commercial service.

"Self-driving technology is new to many, so we're proceeding carefully with the comfort and convenience of our riders in mind," Waymo CEO John Krafcik wrote in Wednesday blog post heralding the arrival of the new service.

The ride-hailing service is

launching in the same area where a car using robotic technology from ride-hailing service Uber hit and killed a pedestrian crossing a darkened street in Tempe, Arizona seven months ago. That fatal collision attracted worldwide attention that cast a pall over the entire self-driving car industry as more people began to publicly question the safety of the vehicles.

"I suspect the Uber fatality has caused Waymo to slow down its pace a bit" and use human safety drivers in its ride-hailing service," said Navigant Research analyst Sam Abuel-samid. "If people keep dying, there will be a bigger backlash against these vehicles."

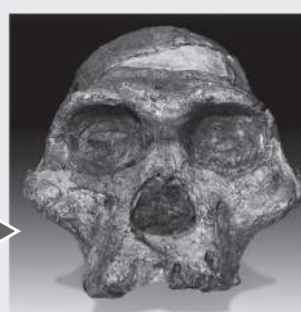
## Science Matters

### Chemicals reveal age of pre-humans' caves

Humans evolved first in Africa from earlier mammals — the *hominins* — and researchers have found a way of dating when those events happened in South Africa.

The most famous South African Australopithecus, who is called "Mrs. Ples" (but who was probably a young male)

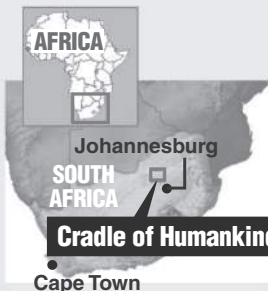
Lived 2.05 million years ago



Australopithecus was a little larger than a chimpanzee but walked upright

### Ancient site in South Africa

Cradle of Humankind, a small area of limestone caves so rich in fossil hominins (pre-humans) it has been declared a World Heritage Site



### How old is this fossil?

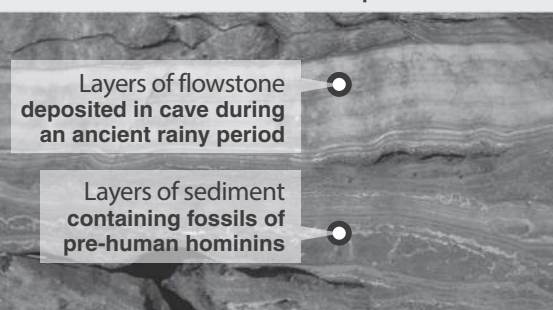
Archaeologists have had trouble determining the age of fossils from the Cradle

The area lacks volcanic deposits, which make it easier for researchers to date fossils

The new study focused on layers of limestone deposited by ancient water in the Cradle's caves

Each layer contains traces of uranium and lead, whose age can be determined

Those tests showed that fossils in the Cradle's eight caves all date back to six rainy periods between 3.2 and 1.3 million years ago



Source: Robyn Pickering of University of Cape Town; Nature (journal)  
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service



# Life & Style

## 'Black Panther' poised to become an Oscars heavyweight

NEW YORK (AP)—"Black Panther" has, in a way, already been to the Oscars.

Much of the film's cast was eagerly highlighted at March's ceremony: a welcome splash of blockbuster luster at an Academy Awards that largely lacked it. "Black Panther" had at the time already been in theaters for a few weeks, leading host Jimmy Kimmel to note:

"This is a night for positivity and our plan is to shine a

light on a group of outstanding and inspiring films, each and every one of which got crushed by 'Black Panther' this weekend," said Kimmel while much of the audience either laughed or winced. (On Oscar Sunday alone, "Black Panther" grossed \$19.9 million.)

As Hollywood's awards season properly gets under way, "Black Panther" is poised to return to the Academy Awards, but this time as

a nominee—and potentially a major one. Ryan Coogler's superhero sensation has already notched countless records, pulverized box-office myths and set new marks for inclusivity. And now, "Black Panther" is in line to shatter Oscar norms, too.

AP  
This image released by Disney and Marvel Studios' shows Chadwick Boseman in a scene from "Black Panther."



### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Cardi B 'no longer together' with Offset

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cardi B is no longer feeling the love after little more than a year of marriage to fellow rapper Offset. She posted a video on Instagram saying that "things just haven't been working out between us for a long time." The 26-year-old says "I guess we just grew out of love, but we're not together anymore." Cardi B says "it might take time to get a divorce." Offset responded "Y'all won." The couple got married in September 2017 and welcomed a baby girl in July. Cardi B says she and her baby's father are really good friends and business partners. An email seeking comment was sent to her representatives. Cardi B is scheduled to appear in court Friday over allegations stemming from an altercation at a New York City bar.

#### 'Daily Show' host Trevor Noah silenced by a voice issue

Fans of "The Daily Show" got

to see Trevor Noah host Tuesday night's Comedy Central broadcast. But they didn't get to hear him. The reason: Noah has lost his voice and is under doctor's orders not to utter a word. The show began as usual, with the theme song playing and the audience cheering as the South African-born comedian walked onto the set and sat at his desk. But when the camera pointed at the desk, the TV audience saw comedian Michael Kosta already there. Speaking for Noah, Kosta told the audience that, indeed, the show "was a little different" in that Noah was ordered not to speak—or risk needing surgery. He didn't elaborate on what caused the vocal problem or how long Noah will be unable to speak. Kosta explained that Noah lost his voice after his visit to South Africa this past weekend to take part in events to mark the centennial birth of former president and anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela. Clips from the visit were featured on Monday's show. (AP)

#### Lego Foundation donates \$100m to aid Rohingya, Syrian kids

HELSINKI (AP)—The Lego Foundation says it will donate \$100 million to U.S. non-profit educational organization Sesame Workshop to fund projects aimed at helping young children affected by the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh and the civil war in Syria. The Danish foundation said Wednesday that the grant "will benefit some of the world's most vulnerable children and call attention to the critical importance of learning through play to set them on a path of healthy growth and development." The Lego Foundation, set up in 1986, owns 25 percent of the shares in Lego Group, the privately-held Danish toymaker. Danish business newspaper Boersen said the donation is the largest ever by the Billund, Denmark-based foundation advancing children's causes. Sesame Workshop, producers of "Sesame Street," will receive the grant

over five years.

#### Prince William, wife Kate bring gifts to UK forces in Cyprus

RAF AKROTIRI, Cyprus (AP)—Prince William and his wife Kate brought Christmas gifts and holiday greetings Wednesday to British servicemen at the Royal Air Force Base Akrotiri in Cyprus. The visit by William and the Duchess of Cambridge was designed to honor the estimated 11,000 British soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines deployed on foreign operations over the holidays. After meeting servicemen in a hangar, William thanked Britain's Armed Forces for their sacrifices. "We are in your debt and Catherine and I feel very lucky to be able to spend time with you today," he said. Officials say British forces are involved in 30 operations in 35 countries. On Tuesday, the royal couple also hosted a party on the grounds at London's Kensington Palace for military families. The Akrotiri

base plays an important role in Britain's military activities throughout the Middle East.

#### R. Kelly documentary screening evacuated over phone threats

NEW YORK (AP)—A screening of an upcoming documentary detailing abuse allegations against singer R. Kelly was evacuated after phone threats were made to the Manhattan location where it was being held. The New York Police Department says the threats to the NeueHouse Madison Square came in Tuesday night when it was hosting a screening of Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly" series. The NYPD says officers determined there was no immediate threat but decided to have the attendees exit out of an abundance of caution. The NYPD is investigating. Among those attending was #MeToo activist Tarana Burke. The series looks at the singer's history, and allegations that he has sexually abused women and girls. He has denied doing anything

wrong. It airs in early January.

#### Rapper sues makers of video game Fortnite over dance moves

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper 2 Milly is suing the makers of Fortnite, saying they're illegally using his dance moves in their wildly popular video game. In the lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court in Los Angeles, the Brooklyn-based rapper whose real name is Terrence Ferguson alleges that North Carolina-based Fortnite-maker Epic Games misappropriated his dance the "Milly Rock." Ferguson says the company used the dance that he came up with in 2011 and popularized in a 2015 song and video without giving him credit or compensation. He's asking for a judge's order that the game stop using his moves, and for damages to be determined later. In Fortnite, players can purchase dances known as "emotes" that their characters can use to celebrate or kill time between battles. An Epic Games spokesman declined comment.

## Mom finds it hard to watch son in stressful new marriage

DEAR ABBY: Our youngest son recently married a woman who has an 18-year-old disabled daughter, "Lauren." The girl's mental level is between that of a 2- and 4-year-old. There have been physical confrontations between my new daughter-in-law and her disabled daughter, which are becoming more frequent now that they all live together. Our daughter-in-law refuses to pursue facilities for Lauren, saying she is waiting for her to be transitioned into a group home and feels much guilt in doing so.

Lauren is currently in a day program, which doesn't seem to be helping her. She has definite behavioral issues and has been put on a higher level of meds that haven't helped. Psychologists, counselors and school staff are noncommittal about offering any help and haven't advised on how to address this.

My concern is, my son and his wife now have a 6-month-old son, and I worry about the baby in this home environment. Our son loves his wife and thought he could handle the challenges that come with living with Lauren. He now says he thinks it is best to end the marriage, but he's uncomfortable about giving an ultimatum to his wife. He has a high-pressure job, and his new home environment is taking a toll on him, physically and mentally. Any advice for him is appreciated.

MOM ON THE SIDELINES

DEAR MOM: I appreciate your concern for the well-being of your son, but if you are smart, you will remain supportively on the sidelines and not insert yourself into this sensitive situation. If your son feels so pressured he's considering ending his marriage, he should be telling his wife about it and not his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 31-year-old waitress and proud atheist. I'm one of the least judgmental people I know. Who other people love, or how they choose to worship isn't important to me.

I have a regular customer who comes in to the restaurant about twice a month. He's a pastor and one of the nicest guys I think I've ever met. He'll often bring along people from his congregation and buy them dinner. He counsels new families and tries to teach them the ways of the world. He counsels angry teenagers, and they listen to him. I have tremendous respect for him.

The problem is, every time he comes in, he tries to get me to come to his church. It's sometimes an hourlong conversation. At first I was polite about it and just said no thank you. Recently it reached the point where I said firmly, "I don't need your church." Abby, he still persists!

I don't know what to do anymore. I wouldn't feel right kick-

### DEAR ABBY

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ing him out of the restaurant. Is there a middle ground?

NONBELIEVER IN GEORGIA

DEAR NONBELIEVER: The pastor may be an evangelical, who feels that it is his duty to "spread the word." The middle ground, since he seems unable to accept your polite refusals, is to have another waitress serve him instead of you, if that's possible. If not, ask your manager for guidance.

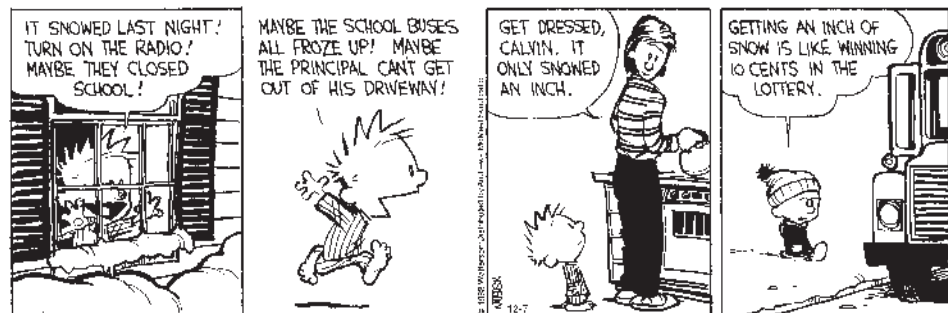
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## Calvin and Hobbes

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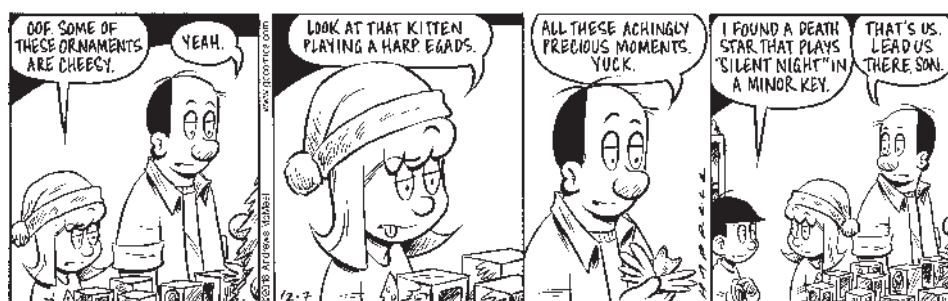
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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13 One-named super-model  
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17 "As — saying ..."  
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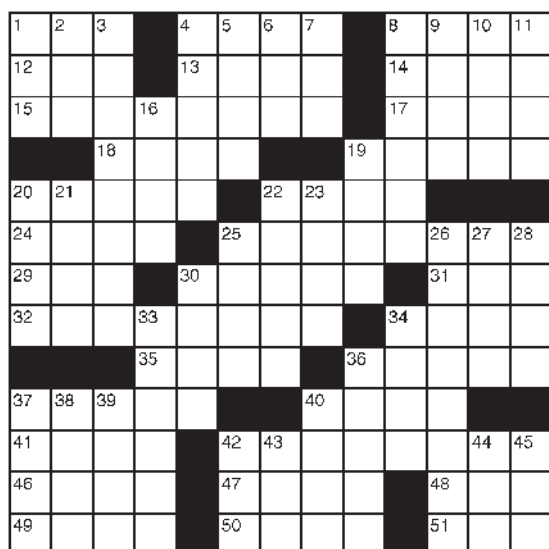
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10 "Zounds!"  
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20 Halt  
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22 Italian port  
23 "The Good Earth" wife  
25 Bump into  
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44 Poem of praise  
45 "Kidding!"

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 12-7



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Emily Browning, 30; Sara Bareilles, 39; Tom Waits, 69; Ellen Burstyn, 86.

**Happy Birthday:** Trust, exaggeration and emotional manipulation will be a problem if you aren't concise and you don't question what others have to say or contribute. Knowing what you want and sticking to a plan that is reasonable will help you avoid a costly mistake this year. To avoid setbacks, be direct and honest about who you are and what you want. Your numbers are 2, 13, 17, 26, 34, 37, 49.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take the plunge and start a conversation that will address sensitive issues. Listen to both sides of a situation and look for common ground. The aim should be to stabilize relationships, not tear them apart. Protect your passwords. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Offering help may be satisfying, but in the end, it could also be costly. Don't put money into something you know little about or trust someone not to take advantage of you. Focus on maintaining mental stability and physical health. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Someone will use charm to persuade you to get involved in something you should be questioning. Partnerships will need to be looked at closely, and if equality doesn't exist, you may want to make changes to your current agreement. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Make physical changes that will make you feel good. Updating your image or appearance will not go unnoticed. Plan something

special that will bring you closer to someone you love. Romance is on the rise; relationships look promising. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A change of heart will lead you out and about with people who share your interests. Make sure that before you agree to take part you have the funds to support the lifestyle you are living. Don't pay for someone else's mistake. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Talk to a trusted friend or a relative who knows your situation. You'll get a better idea of what it will take to improve a personal situation you face due to someone's inappropriate behavior. Don't criticize; offer solutions. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A short trip will raise questions about what someone is doing. Whether it's a peer, relative or your lover, go directly to the source and find out what's triggering questionable actions. Someone from your past will mislead you. ★★★★★

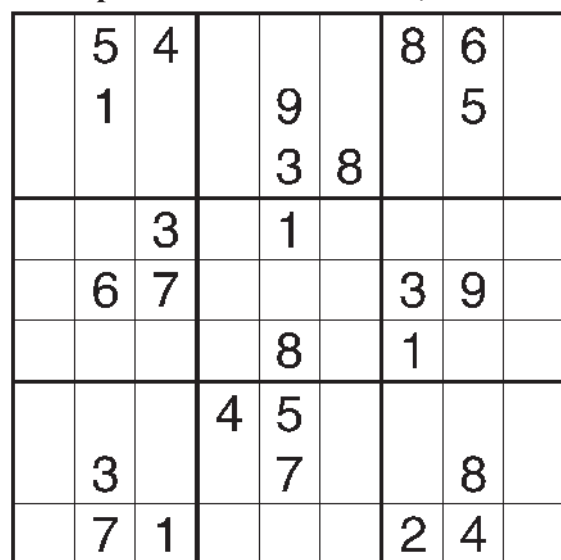
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Size up your situation and the changes you would like to make. Be upfront regarding your feelings and the choices you want to make moving forward. Your honesty will make it easier to enact your plans. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make sure you haven't overlooked personal papers that need to be updated before the year comes to an end. Dealing with matters concerning someone else's affairs should be handled with caution. Mistakes will turn out to be costly. ★★★

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



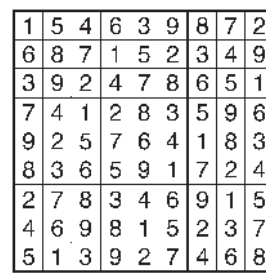
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You don't have to make a change or a move because someone else does. Consider what's in your best interest and follow through with your own plans. Don't share personal information regarding your assets, passwords or intentions. ★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Keep an open mind, but don't let someone railroad you into something that could make you look bad. It's more important for you to help yourself than to help others today. The gains you make will help change your life. ★★★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of negotiations and legal and health matters personally. If you leave responsibilities in someone else's hands, you will be disappointed. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life. Distance yourself from anyone who is a poor influence. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are creative, entertaining and mysterious. You are industrious and charitable.

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

TESLA CARS

Solution: 8 letters

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# George scores 25 in 4th, lifts Thunder vs Nets



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Paul George scored 25 of his 47 points in a sensational fourth quarter, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds left that gave the Oklahoma City Thunder a 114-112 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday night.

George rallied the Thunder from a 23-point deficit and finished a point shy of his career high, leading them to a fourth straight victory in a game they trailed big for much of the way.

Russell Westbrook had his 108th career triple-double to snap a tie with former Nets star and coach Jason Kidd for third in NBA history, finishing with 21 points, 17 assists and 15 rebounds.

But it was George, whose slow started helped send the Thunder into their big hole, who made sure they climbed out of it.

Allen Crabbe scored 22 points and tied a season high with seven 3-pointers, but the Nets dropped their eighth straight game. Joe Harris added 19 points.

Brooklyn led by 18 after three quarters, when George had 22 points. But he heated up quickly in the fourth and there was no slowing him down, as he made four 3-pointers in the period and drove hard to the basket when the Nets did get to him at the arc.

Still, it looked as if the Nets could withstand his flurry when he missed twice on a late possession. But the Thun-

der got another chance and George made it could, as he calmly took his time after Westbrook found him and delivered what ended up an easy look.

Oklahoma City improved to 16-3 since its 0-4 start.

Brooklyn led by only two after one quarter but then outscored Oklahoma City 36-22 in the second. Nets reserves outscored the Thunder by themselves, totaling 23 points. The Nets ran off the first 10 points to take a 36-24 lead, then used a 9-2 surge to open a 54-35 cushion on Crabbe's 3-pointer with 3:41 remaining in the half.

The Thunder came into the game having outscored opponents by an NBA-high 97 points, but the Nets outscored them 31-29 in the period, getting three 3-pointers from Crabbe and going ahead by as much as 23 before taking a 93-75 advantage to the fourth.

## Warriors 129, Cavaliers 105

In Cleveland, Stephen Curry made nine 3-pointers and scored 42 points, Kevin Durant added 25 and the Golden State Warriors came back to face a very different looking Cleveland team for the first time since winning another NBA title, and beat the Cavaliers.

Curry scored nine points in less than a minute midway through the fourth quarter to help the Warriors pull away for their eighth straight over their former Finals rivals.



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George, left, goes up for a shot against Brooklyn Nets forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, in New York. The Thunder won, 114-112.

with 6.1 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Nuggets outscored the Magic 9-2 until Nikola Vucevic dunked for the Magic's first field goal of the overtime session with just 1:04 left.

Paul Millsap added 18 points for Denver, and center Nikola Jokic had 12 points, eight rebounds and 13 assists. Evan Fournier led Orlando with 26 points before fouling out in overtime. Nikola Vucevic added 24 points and 15 rebounds.

## Timberwolves 121, Hornets 104

In Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns scored 35 points, Andrew Wiggins added a season-high 26 points and Minnesota beat Charlotte for its sixth victory in seven games.

Towns tied a career high with six blocks and had 12 rebounds. Wiggins tied season highs with six rebounds and five assists. Jeff Teague had a season-high 18 assists, and Taj Gibson added 11 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota. Jeremy Lamb had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte, and Nicholas Batum also finished with 18 points.

## Grizzlies 96, Clippers 86

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 22 points, JaMychal Green had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and the Memphis Grizzlies topped the Los Angeles Clippers.

Memphis held Los Angeles to 34 percent shooting and forced 19 turnovers. Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 13 points for Memphis, which pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Boban Marjanovic led the Clippers with a season-high 19 points and had eight rebounds, while Danilo Gallinari added 17 points. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Lou Williams contributed 12 points apiece, with Williams hit 2 of 8 shots.

## Pelicans 132, Mavericks 106

In New Orleans, Julius Randle had 27 points and 18 rebounds to help New Orleans beat Dallas.

Anthony Davis had 27 points, a career-high nine assists and five blocks despite twisting his ankle and briefly leaving the court for treatment after stepping on Dorian Finney-Smith's foot.

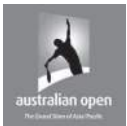
## All top players set for Australian Open

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—Australian Open officials say the world's top 102 women and top 101 men have confirmed they will compete at the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of 2019.

World No. 1 Simona Halep heads up the women's field and Novak Djokovic, seeking his record seventh Australian Open title, is the No. 1-ranked male player.

The tournament begins Jan. 14 at Melbourne Park with Roger Federer and Caroline Wozniacki as singles defending champions. Federer will be gunning for a record seventh men's single crown.

Serena Williams, ranked No. 16, confirmed her return to Melbourne Park for the first time since winning in 2017. The 37-year-old American achieved her victory over sister Venus in the finals two years ago while eight weeks pregnant with her daughter Alexis Olympia, who was born the fol-



lowing September.

Williams reached the Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals after

her return last year but lost both, leaving her one short of Australian Margaret Court's tally of grand slam singles titles.

Her final match last season was the final at Flushing Meadow, where her loss to Naomi Osaka was overshadowed by her row with umpire Carlos Ramos.

Williams is scheduled to play an exhibition tournament in Abu Dhabi in the final week of the year before heading to Australia to warm-up for her assault on the Melbourne Park title at the Hopman Cup in Perth.

Tournament officials said Wednesday that Andy Murray is also returning after an injury layoff. The 31-year-old Scot has entered the tournament with his protected ranking of number two after sliding down to 259th in the world in the wake of surgery on his injured joint.

Curry added nine rebounds, seven assists and appears completely healed after missing 11 games with a strained groin. Durant had 10 rebounds and nine assists.

It was Golden State's first visit to Cleveland since June, when the Warriors completed a sweep to win their third championship in four years.

Nothing looked the same.

The Cavaliers lost LeBron James over the summer as a free agent and are starting from scratch after a four-year run as Eastern Conference champions. Cleveland is also playing without injured All-Star Kevin Love.

## Wizards 131, Hawks 117

In Atlanta, Bradley Beal could tell early in the first quarter that the rebuilding Atlanta Hawks had no answer for him.

"Just being confident, just being aggressive," he said. "Getting to the free throw line helped me out a lot. Being aggressive in that aspect. Just pretty much taking what they gave me."

Beal scored a season-high 36 points, Otto Porter Jr. had

20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Washington Wizards won their third straight game.

Wizards star guard John Wall missed the game for personal reasons, but Washington still finished with a season-high 35 assists.

## Bucks 115, Pistons 92

In Milwaukee, Eric Bledsoe matched his season high with 27 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo added 15 as the Milwaukee Bucks rolled over the Detroit Pistons.

Milwaukee countered an opening basket with nine consecutive points and did not trail after that. The Bucks led 30-21 after one quarter, 56-45 at halftime and then opened the third period with a 19-4 run.

Bledsoe's 3-pointer put Milwaukee up 75-49 with 7:25 left in the third.

Blake Griffin had 31 points and Reggie Jackson scored 15 for the Pistons, who lost their second straight after a five-game winning streak.

The Bucks, who entered with the second-best record in the East behind Toronto, improved to 12-2 at home. They

are 4-5 on the road.

Antetokounmpo was limited to six points in the first half on 3-of-8 shooting, but Bledsoe picked up the slack with 18 first-half points.

## Raptors 113, 76ers 102

In Toronto, Kawhi Leonard had 36 points, Jonas Valanciunas scored 18 of his season-high 26 in the fourth quarter and Toronto handed Philadelphia its 13th consecutive loss in Canada.

Serge Ibaka added 18 points to help the Raptors bounce back from a loss to Denver to win for the ninth time in 10 games. Toronto is an NBA-best 21-5, and improved to 11-3 at home.

Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 38 points and had 10 rebounds for Philadelphia.

## Nuggets 124, Magic 118, OT

In Orlando, Jamal Murray scored 31 points and Denver shut down Orlando in overtime for its seventh straight victory.

After Terence Ross tied it for Orlando with a 3-pointer



# Cards strike gold, get Goldschmidt from D-backs



## PHOENIX

(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals struck gold in their search for a big hitter, getting All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt from the Arizona Diamondbacks in a multiplayer trade Wednesday.

Eager to push for the playoffs after a three-year absence, the Cardinals sent pitcher Luke Weaver, catcher Carson Kelly, minor league infielder Andy Young and a 2019 draft pick to Arizona.

A six-time All-Star and three-time Gold Glove winner at 31, Goldschmidt was among the top players available in the trade market. He hit .290 with 33 home runs and 83 RBIs last season and has often finished high in the NL MVP voting.

"We've been busy this off-season working to upgrade our lineup, and today we are excited to announce the acquisition of one of the game's premier players," Cardinals President of Baseball Operations John Mozeliak said in a statement.

Goldschmidt has a \$14.5 million salary next year, receives a \$1 million assignment



bonus for the trade and will be eligible for free agency after next season. The Cardinals have a history of acquiring top hitters and then signing them to long-term deals, including Mark McGwire and Matt Holliday.

St. Louis went 88-74 and believed it needed a boost in the middle of a lineup that includes Matt Carpenter, Marcell Ozuna and Yadier Molina to compete with the likes of

Milwaukee and the Cubs in the NL Central. The Cardinals' postseason drought is their longest 1997-99.

Free agent slugger Bryce Harper has supposedly been on the Cards' wish list, too, as the winter meetings approach this weekend. Last offseason, the Cardinals had worked out a deal with Miami for NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton, but he refused to waive his no-

trade clause.

Arizona went 82-80 in the NL West and finished behind the Los Angeles Dodgers and Colorado, who both made the playoffs.

The Diamondbacks, obviously in rebuilding mode, parted ways with a home-grown player who grew to be the face of the franchise but is nearing the end of an extremely team-friendly contract. The

AP  
Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Paul Goldschmidt makes the play for an out on a ball hit by Colorado Rockies' Charlie Blackmon in the first inning during a baseball game, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in Phoenix.

quiet slugger, an eighth-round draft pick out of Texas State in 2009, quickly moved through the Arizona minor league system and advanced to the big league club in 2011.

In 2013, Goldschmidt hit 36 home runs and drove in 125. In 2017, he matched that home-run high with 36 and drove in 120. He is a career .297 hitter with 209 home runs, and was runnerup in the NL MVP voting in 2013 and 2015.

Despite an awful start to last season, he bounced back to once again become a powerful force. Goldschmidt was the Diamondbacks' franchise

leader in slugging percentage and on-base percentage.

"This was an extremely difficult decision given how much Paul has meant to our team both on and off the field. He represents everything it means to be a D-back, and we are very thankful to him for all that he has done for our franchise and our fans," Diamondbacks President Derrick Hall said.

Weaver, a 25-year-old right-hander, was 7-11 with a 4.95 ERA last season. He was long rated among the top St. Louis prospects.

The 24-year-old Kelly has played for the Cardinals in parts of the past three seasons, batting .154. He's been highly regarded for his defensive ability.

Young, 24, hit a combined .289 in Double-A and high-A ball.

The draft choice that Arizona got will come after the second round, likely a pick somewhere in the high 70s or low 80s.

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use the facility in the morning and MHS in the afternoon, but some of the court will be closed to activities while we work to repair damages. Overall, the gym weathered the storm well and will be back online in its full capacity, soon," the athletic director said.

Gross added that the middle school basketball playoffs will no longer be played, but activities will be available for students, beginning next year.

"We've elected to forgo completing them due to the loss of venues and the sheer amount of time that has elapsed. Our No. 1 concern for the month of December is to resume classes, conduct mental health assessments/support, and assist our students and the community in the recovery process. As January approaches, I'll be sure to keep the community updated with our athletic programs and the opportunities that will be available to our youth," Gross said.

## SINCLAIR

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ments across the globe since 2012. In the last quarter of this year, he made it to the singles finals of tournaments in Belgium, Tunisia, and Australia. Last week, he stunned China's two-time champion Di Wu to march into the quarterfinals of the Australian Open 2019 Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off held in Zhuhai, China. Sinclair also suited up for the Pacific Oceania Team in the Davis Cup 2018 Asia/Oceania Group III.

Lee, on the other hand, has been part of the Pacific Oceania Touring Team (Grand Slam Development Fund) and is also travelling around the world in the last two years competing in world-ranking tournaments and winning a couple of them. She just completed her six-tournament, three-country tour early this week, as she played in high-ranking events in South Korea, Mexico, and the U.S. The 16-year-old also played for Pacific Oceania—her second straight stint with the elite team—and helped the squad climb up to Group I after mak-

ing it to the finals of the 2018 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II competition held in Bahrain in February this year.

Meanwhile, junior players Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Vincent Tudela and Micro Games medalist Bobby Cruz are also being considered on the men's team that will compete in the Mini Games set for Apia from July 7 to 20. For the women's side, NCAA Division II players Isabel Heras and Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, and junior players Tania Tan and Malika Miyawaki are also being eyed to join Lee in Samoa.

This will be the first time since 2005 that the CNMI will be fielding both men's and women's teams in the Pacific Games Council-sanctioned competition. Race, Todd Montgomery, Tim Quan, Daniel Son, Ralph Buenaventura, Kana Aikawa, and Amanda Weindl made up the CNMI Team that played in the 2005 Pacific Mini Games in Palau. Then in 2007, only Quan donned the colors of the Commonwealth in the Pacific Games in Samoa after Montgomery was forced to withdraw due to a foot injury.

## Titans desperate to keep playoff hopes alive vs Jaguars



## NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP)—The Jacksonville Jaguars already have fallen quickly, from being a win away from their first Super Bowl berth in January to last in the AFC South in December.

The Tennessee Titans desperately want to avoid joining them as a one-and-done playoff team, especially after sweeping the Jaguars last season.

"That's something we can't allow to happen," Titans defensive lineman Jurrell Casey said. "We want to keep them where they're at—at the end of the division and leave them there. We got to make sure we take care of our part. At the end of the day, we can't worry about them. We have to worry about ourselves because we ain't played so hot this year ourselves."

That's very true. The Titans (6-6) had to rally from 16 points down to beat the

Jets 26-22 to snap a two-game skid. Tennessee likely needs to win out and get some help with four teams between the Titans and the second AFC wild-card berth they earned last season.

The Jaguars (4-8) may not be mathematically finished just yet after snapping a seven-game skid with a 6-0 shutout of Andrew Luck and the Colts last weekend. Cody Kessler now has a start under his belt, and running back Leonard Fournette will be back from suspension, too. But the Jaguars have lost three straight and five of the last six to Tennessee.

"Three straight times?" Jaguars linebacker Telvin Smith said. "Dang. We're going to go out and make sure we get the win. That's all we've got to focus on."

Meanwhile, Fournette is back after a one-game suspension without pay, which cost the second-year pro nearly

\$100,000. Getting that extra time off could pay dividends considering most everyone else on the field played four days earlier. The Titans also have allowed 281 and 156 yards rushing over the past two games.

"Fournette should be very fresh and have a little pep in his step, and hopefully he can give us a spark that we need," Jaguars defensive tackle Calais Campbell said.

Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota has burned the Jaguars with his feet, including an 87-yard touchdown run in 2015. Mariota has a combined 135 yards rushing in Tennessee's three-game winning streak in the series, including 51 in Week 3's 9-6 victory. Mariota also led the Titans with 43 yards rushing last week against the Jets and threw for 282 yards.

"Super challenging," Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey

said. "You just have to cover for even longer. It's kind of like a scramble drill. It will turn into backyard football with made-up routes to try to get open and help their quarterback out, so it makes it tough on us."

The Titans have won 14 of their last 17 at home, and they're hoping to lean on that edge with three more home games down the stretch. Linebacker Brian Orakpo made a plea to fans to turn out and be loud from the start.

"We need that help," Orakpo said. "We need that energy, we feed off our crowd. I know it's been times where we don't give them nothing to cheer about. But if they come ready, they come loud, they come just prepared like we're going to be prepared, it's going to be a long day and a hard day for the Jags and give us that true real home-field advantage."

that contributed to GCA's repeated triumphs.

"Our coach required a lot of practice time which I think is key for us to sharpen our skills and play together as a team. Another key is the support we've been receiving from our teammates, the high school volleyball teams, the GCA family, and our families and friends," Saures said. "The biggest key [to our success] is our Creator who gave us all the abilities we have."

## GCA 1

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the hurdles that GCA 1 is facing. Libut is optimistic on their chances of winning their third straight middle school title.

GCA 1 team captain Katriel Saures is also sticking to the positives, saying they are looking forward to next week's championship game and approaching the match with the mindset of a champion.

"The typhoon definitely in-

terrupted our practices, but we will try to pick up where we left off. We can only commit to doing our best and that's what we will do," Saures said.

Both Saures and Libut have played big roles in GCA's success in the middle school competition in the last three years with the latter helping the team achieve unbeaten records for two seasons and hopefully three, and the former stepping up to the challenge in all her stints with the Eagles.

"In my first year (6th grade), it was challenging because I was still learning how to play volleyball at a high level of competition," Saures said. "During my 7th grade year, I was able to sharpen and learn more skills. With the help of my coach, the coaching staff, and my teammates, I was able to improve."

When asked about keys to the success of the Eagles' middle school volleyball program, Saures was quick to acknowledge several figures



# Hope For Tomorrow Volleyball Tournament U14 Division

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Players of the MCS Knights pose for a group photo after beating The Bump in the finals of the co-ed U14 division of the Hope For Tomorrow Yutu Relief Fundraiser Beach Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan sand courts.



The Bump's Dylan Mister goes for an overhand serve.



The Bump's Kat Saures eyes the ball, while Hyejin Elliot looks on.



The MCS Knights' Kaia Travilla serves to The Bump.



The MCS Knights' Merrick Toves tips the ball.



The MCS Knights' Richard Steele bumps the ball.



The Bump's Matthew Berline, right, hits the ball, while the MCS Knights' Richard Steele goes for a block.



The Bump players smile after receiving their runner-up medals.





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## GCA 1 keeps eye on the prize

By ROBY N. PAMINTUAN  
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While Super Typhoon Yutu has interrupted Grace Christian Academy's momentum, it was not able to douse the Eagles' burning desire to complete a three-peat.

### Shortened sports competitions for students



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Marianas High School's Tommy Lee Augustine, left, blocks Saipan Southern High School's Emmanuel Cobacha during their title match in the 2018 PSS High School Basketball Tournament held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in May. PSS' athletic department will have to hold shortened tournaments for the 2018-2019 school year after Super Typhoon Yutu hit Saipan and Tinian and caused massive damage to the two islands.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
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REPORTER

Public School System Student Support Services Athletic Program director Nick Gross will be working on shortened sports activities next year.

"The athletic department will be planning for January-May activities. However, due to the varying schedules throughout the PSS, our focus will be more on one-day activities as opposed to 'seasons,'" said Gross.

The department's regular sports competition schedule has been affected by Super Typhoon Yutu, which slammed Saipan and Tinian late October or just a few days af-

ter the girls high school volleyball season was completed and less than a week before the finals of the junior varsity high school basketball was to be played. Both the volleyball and basketball matches were hosted at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, which was also hit by Yutu.

"The MHS Gymnasium houses many different sporting activities, but is currently unavailable due to the damages sustained from Yutu. We are currently addressing those damages and preparing for the opening of classes next week. Hopwood will

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GCA 1 will be battling Agape Christian School 1 in the winner-take-all finale of the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League next week with the Eagles aiming to pick up where they left off in the long-delayed title match. The GCA 1-Agape 1 championship showdown was originally scheduled for Oct. 23, but was suspended as the CNMI prepared for Yutu and the finals remained on hold for more than a month with the islands focusing on recovery efforts. No definite date and venue have been set for the title game, but it will take place between Dec. 10 and 14, according to league organizers.

After Yutu struck Saipan and Tinian, the Eagles stopped training for weeks and just resumed practice last Dec. 4. Head coach Cesar Libut said his squad is noticeably rusty after an extended break from volleyball activities and is not quite yet in championship form. He also noted that they are having a hard time scheduling practices because of conflicts with their boys and girls varsity squads training sessions and GCA's shortened and fluctuating class schedule. Despite

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Grace Christian Academy 1 team captain Katriel Saures serves during one of their regular season games in the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League at the Eagles court.



## Sinclair, Lee bound for Pacific Games

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
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REPORTER

World-ranked players Colin Sinclair and Carol Lee will be leading the CNMI National Tennis Team



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to the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa.

Sinclair, who is competing in the ITF Pro Circuit, and the ITF Juniors world No. 173 Lee, are among the shoo-ins on the squad, according to Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race.

The 23-year-old Sinclair is ranked No. 495 in the world and has been playing in several pro tourna-

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Colin Sinclair returns to Great Britain's Evan Hoyt during their title game in the Australia Futures 7 at the Queensland Tennis Centre in Brisbane last October.